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Excel in every way

Live, Laugh, Love

Make a difference

WORDS OF WISDOM

Open all doors

Opportunities abound

Dream big

This book belongs to:





Samara 2008-2009

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It matters not what someone is born,
but what they grow to be.

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Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts
and we are never, ever the same.

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The mediocre teacher tells.
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The great teacher inspires.

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As you become more clear about who you really are,
you'll be better able to decide what is best for you,
the first time around.

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The artist is the creator of beautiful things
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It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies,
but even more to stand up to your friends.

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The adventure of life is to learn.
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You have to have confidence in your ability,
and then be tough enough to follow though.

Rosalynn Carter

Editors' Note



Kelly

Dear Elmwood,

When we sat down to create this yearbook, we searched for a theme and style that would stand the test of time and provide something meaningful for Elmwood students of the past, present, and future. We thought about the role yearbooks play in schools, and what role we wanted our yearbook to play in our school. We decided it was time for a yearbook that was more than just a time capsule of memories; we wanted it to reflect Elmwood's character and unique student body. And so, the theme, "Words of Wisdom,"



Alicia

was born. *Samara 2008-2009* is a place where students and teachers have contributed their own advice or submitted quotes which have inspired them and will be of inspiration to others. As our personal contribution of wisdom, we selected the following quote:

"There will be a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning."

Louis L'Amour

It represents the progression of the school year as well as our close personal relationship with this book. Louis L'Amour's words of wisdom relate to the school year in that when it is over, it is really the beginning of a new chapter in our learning. For the undergraduates, their story will continue within the walls of the 'Wood or wherever they may find themselves the following September. For the graduates, their story will continue to be written by new experiences and opportunities. These words also hold a special place in our own editorial hearts in that each time we saved a page to the 'completed' folder, some magical twist of fate would cause it to be deemed 'incomplete' and returned to its original place. This, of course, would prompt another stain of Sharpie ink on our beloved page planner (page 3, bottom left) which has saved our sanity on more than one occasion.

In addition to the page planner, we would like to take this chance to thank a few extraordinary people who have helped us throughout the year. Mrs. Caputo, thanks for everything. You have been our greatest support, mentor, and guide through the in's and out's of Samara. Dearest Samara Crew, the effort you put into the yearbook is reflected within its pages. We'd like to give special mention to the grade 11's, especially Emilie, whose initiative, hard work, and extra time was greatly appreciated. And finally, we'd like to thank everyone at Elmwood. This book would not be possible without the memories you have created this year. Thank you for being heart and soul of the school. The following pages are merely a showcase for the amazing feats you have accomplished this year and we hope you will cherish every page.

Sincerely,
Your Editors

Alicia Young *Kelly O'Cearra*

P.S. Keep an eye out for the creative page and for Squawk. We know where he is, do you?



Special thanks
Sarah Malone for her
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Samara Crew

Vanice Trushell-Mosley



“FREEZE-ins”



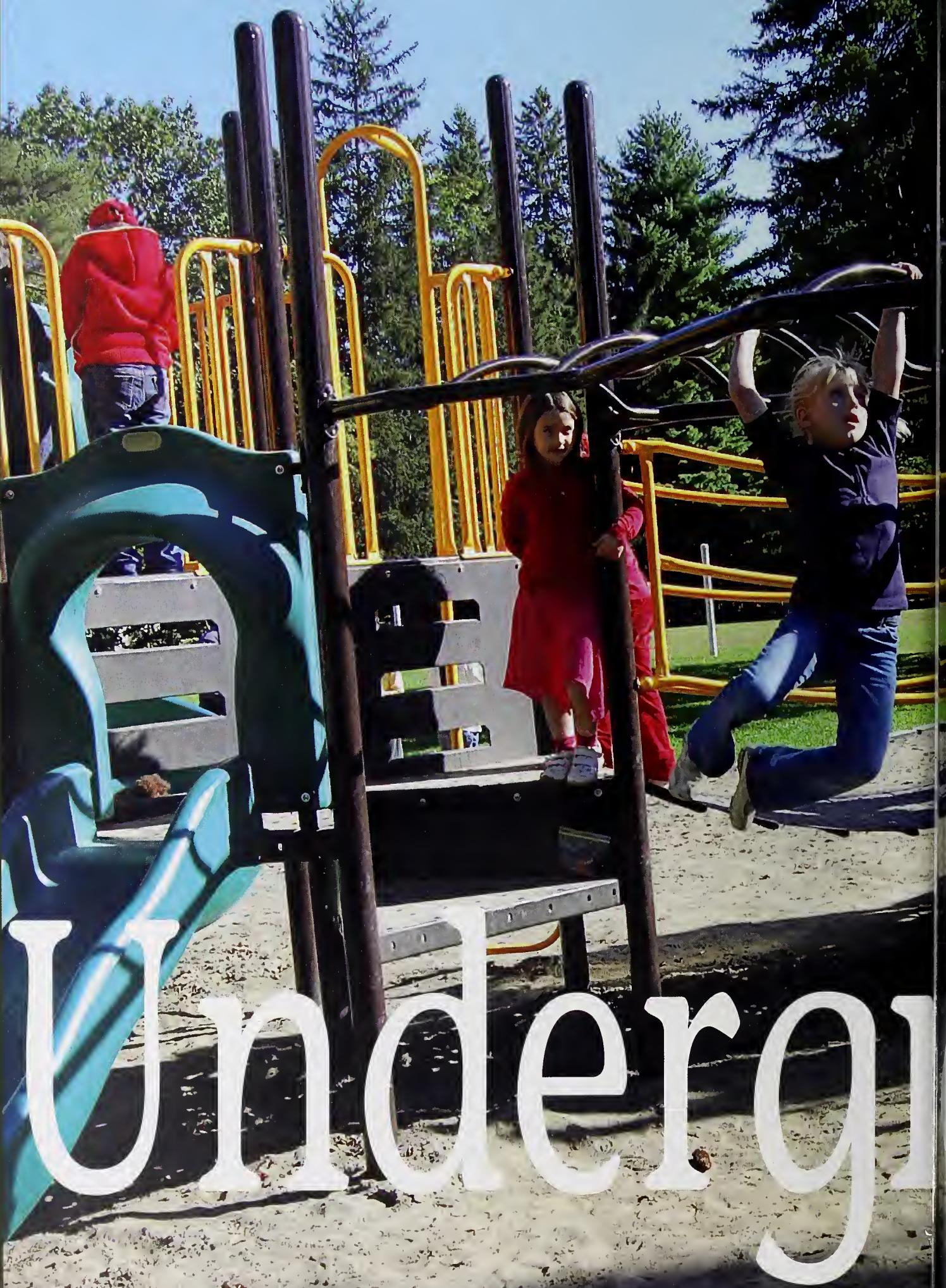
Sam Peters

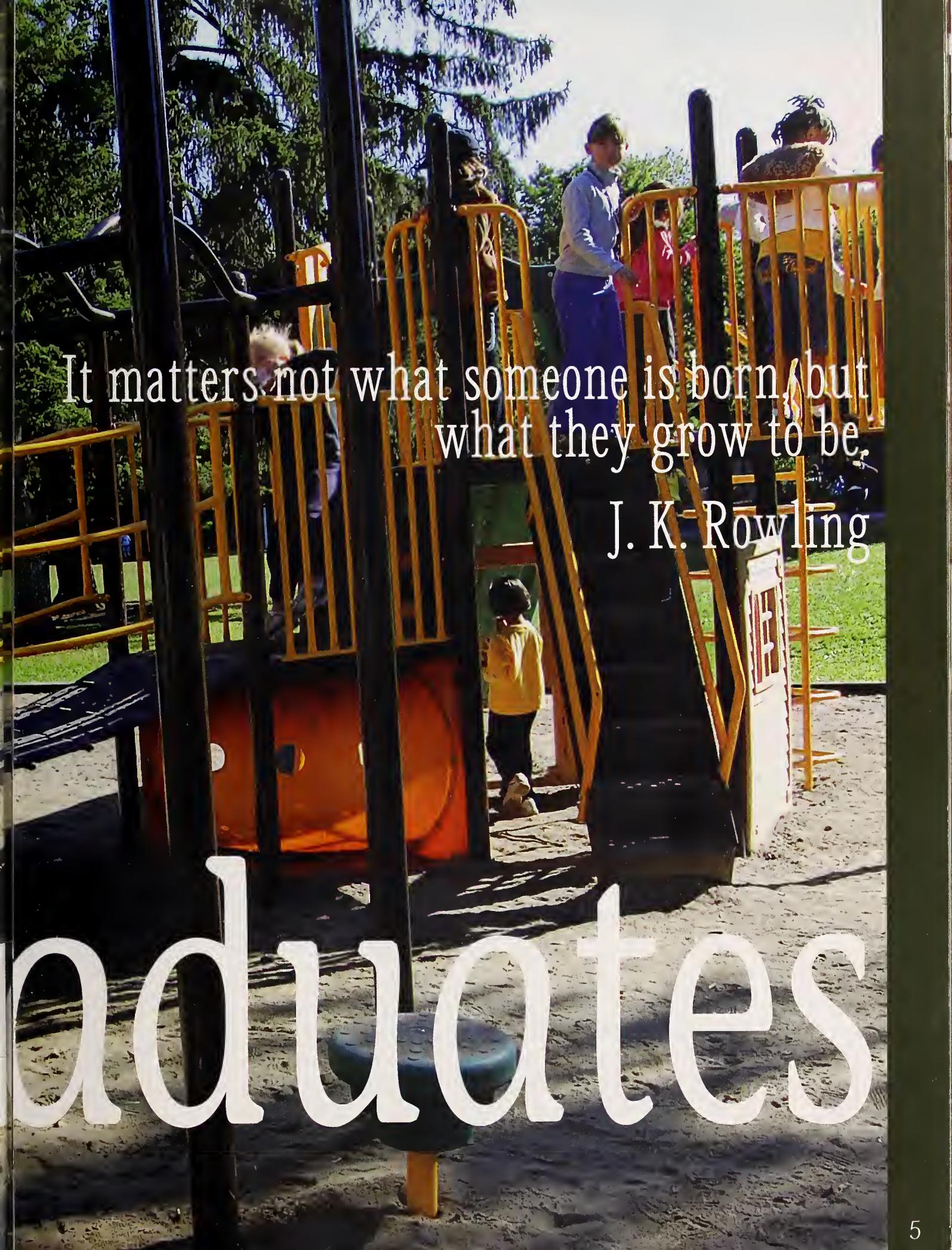


“Always be nice to those younger than you, because they are the ones who will be writing about you.”

Cyril Connolly







It matters not what someone is born, but
what they grow to be.

J. K. Rowling

adults

Jr. Kindergarten



Back Row (left to right): Carolyn Wakeham, K. Theriault,
Middle Row: Mackenzie Cooper, Bridget Phillips, Chantalia Fevrier-President, Zainah Al-Dafiri, Alexandra Boushey,
Front Row: Elly Jana Teevens, Lauren Jane Hudson, Yasmin Shamji, Paige Saravanamuttoo, Kaylah Carruthers, Madison Conrad



“ Each of us is a flower
Glowing in life’s garden
Each of us is a flower
We need the sun and rain.”

- Charlotte Diamond

Sr. Kindergarten & Grade 1



2008-2009 Class Photo - Jr. Kdg.

Middle Row: Leah Zinhardt, Michelle Edwards, Emily Head, Emily Johnson, Mikayla Kibbey, Leah McLaughlin, Alyssa McMillan, Kristy
Front Row: Jamie Morrissey, Anna Toda, Abby Bond, Riwad A. Farhat, Thalia Gerevitz, Alessia Jimenez, Elina Brodsky



“One who has
imagination without
learning has wings
without feet.”

- Joseph Joubert



Grade Two



Back row (left to right): Brenda Huggins, Saskia Griffiths, Emma Dougherty, Hanane Farhat - President, Noelle Lindgren,
Front row: Fatima Jarud, Emily Haebe, Bethany Buch, Iman Abdulla, Ashton Yau



“ If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again! ”

- W.C. Fields



Grade Three



Back row (left to right) : Roger Adams, Jessyca Morgan, Alexandra Blackadar, Binta Goodridge, Ava Mierins, Jenny McCracken, Front row: Kyra Ling-Jay, Eva Sabine, Hope Rikhtegar, Sarah-Mariah Khoumsi, Julia Robinson, Sophia Avisar, Sarah Murray, Bronte Assadzadeh



“ Imagination is more important than knowledge. ”

- Albert Einstein

Grade Four



Back Row (left to right): Sarah Vickers, Allegra Richter, Cailin Craigen, Chloe Bonnet, Sijyl Fasih, Ciara Halloran, Sophia Swettenham, Brianna Trudel, Cynthia Sedlezky, Front Row: Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Sydney Greenley, Julia Brazeau, Yara Al-Rashidi, Helen Hume, Hoda Darwish, Rachel Kamel, Karina Wang, Julia Crystal, Mi Yen Ho. Teacher: Kimberley Zemlak.



“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.”

- Chinese Proverb



Grade Five



Front Row (Left to Right): Claudia Weimer, Hannah Fisher, Madeline Smith, Lucy Jackson, Leah, Brooke, Brooke, Madeline, Alana, Anna, Eliza Dowd, Sam, Lauren, MacKenzie, Angel. Back Row: Leanne, Sophie, Holly, Penelope, Meagan, Isabella, Thompson, Hallie Turner, Rosalie, Savannah, Leah, Morgan, Natalie.



“Do not wait for leaders - do it alone, person-to-person.”

Mother Teresa



Grade Six



Zakiya Abdullah



Claire Avisar



Justine Beaulé



Alana Bobra



Larissa Bobra



Sophia Caragianis



Olivia Doherty



Tatjanna Duncan



Zoya Ehsan





Kim Godin

Rebecca Godin

McKenzie Gowie

Sydney Guenther

Michaela Kainz-Potter

Michelle Le

Rachel McGinn



Kathleen McGuire

Sarah Miller

Jenna Moledina

Victoria Murray

Abigail Oak

Ras-Jeevan Obhi



Sarah Peters

Hanna Sanders

Shea Timmins

Paige Tremblay

Maria Virri

Fatima Zaidi



“Anyone who thinks the sky is the limit, has limited imagination.”

- Anonymous



Grade 7



Danica Bateman



Eleanor Berks



Gabriella Berman



Lindsay Brandys



Ingrid Bredberg



Allison Bui



Margaret Campbell



Olivia Casaramona



Vicky Coo



Casey Cooper



Laura Di Girolamo



Laura Dodge



Melissa Dodge



Katherine Doering



Lilith Dost



Eliza Fetter



Chloe Forgie-Williams



Marissa Frodsham



Pallavi Ganguli



Emily Geddes



Celina Gilligan



Priyanka Goel



Emily Groper



Morgan Guimaraes



Brynley
Hanson-Wright



Joa Hoshizaki



Natascha
Jansen Poulin

Jessica Kotzef



Merrin Lalonde

Sara Mack

Megan McGinn

Sarah Melloul

Ashley Moore

Courtney Mulock

Priya Muradja



Alexa Naccarato

Gigi Nguyen

Stefanie Oppenheimer

Daron Richardson

Selena Saikaley

Izzy Schwartz

Valerie Sedlezky



Alyssa Shenassa

Maki Shimizu

Katia Tawagi

Amelia
Von Finckenstein

Zoe Wallace

Cindy Wu

Elaine Zhang



“ Things turn out best for those who make the best
of the way things turn out. ”

- Jack Buck

Grade 8



Emma Acland

Dina Ahmed

Asia Al-Dafiri

Sabrina Alsaffar

Sabrina Assaly



Tania Aussant

Sarah Beltrame

Rebecca Boucher

Ivy Bregman

Tannya Cai

Sarah Clarke

Julia Cork



Grace Crolla

Noor Darwish

Julia Davis

Meghan Demerchant

Katie Doherty

Katya Duncan

Erica Endemann



Suzanne Geerts

Melanie Greenley

Samantha Healy

Gabrielle Holden-Lathlin

Emilie Lavallée

Ping Lu

Lauren Matthews





Gillian McCracken

Ameera Moledina

Natasha Molnar

Charlotte Murfin

Alexandria Nguyen

Mikayla Payant

Danielle Poleski



Jordana Polisuk

Sarah Rack

Anna-Karina Reibold

Rebecca Robinson

Sarah Seward-Langdon

Megan Skippen

Tatiana Teevens



Jessica Thompson-Spence

Courtney Townsend

Sofia Virri

Laura Weissman

Mariah Whjtny

Melissa Yelle

Olivia Zed



“Life is like a bucket of white paint. We all want to be perfect, but a speck of black paint will turn the whole thing grey.”

-Courtney Townsend & Grace Crolla

Grade Nine



Raghad
Al-Rashidi



Chiyuki Asai



Alice Bifield



Emma Brownlie



Maddie Carwile



Erin Chapman



Anisha Dhalla



Emma Dolhai



Edgy Eagle



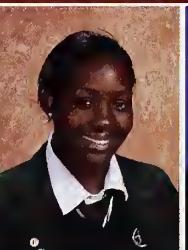
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Samantha Fonberg



Emily Guenther



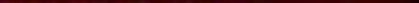
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Jordon Norcott



Linnea Pauls





Sam Peters



Claire Racette



Pascale Ross



Phoebe Rousseaux



Sahar Salari



Yasmin Salehi



Becky Savic



Alexandra Scheller



Francesca Schembri



Fregine Sheehy



Lenishka Stubbs



Brianna Taylor



Rebecca Teague



Katrine Vatne



Joanna Znotins



“ Whatever it is, we didn’t do it! ”

- Bart Simpson

Grade 10



Sacha Arseneau

Sarah Arseneau

Elif Bilgic

Yami Cabrera Cebantes

Juliet Caragianis

Meaghan Clarkin

Taylor Cuconato



Shannon Currie

Sarah Frodsham

Alyssa Hartvich

Cessen Kidane

Nina Kozlowska

Andrea Lessard

Michele McPherson



“ Laugh loud, live long. ”

-Grade 10s-



Asia Oberle Alex Ostaszewski Chan Park Courtney Peters Naomi Rath Lucy Robert Mackenzie Shaheen



Aarti Singla Anuji Sinha Alex Vincent Priya Wadhera Irena Wight



Grade 11



Victoria Bonar

Katie Carwile

Emilie Chiasson

“ Logic went out the door with probability, now all that's left is possibility. ”

- Grade 11s



Julia Churchill-Smith

Natasha Duncan

Madison Elias



Samantha Fetter



Laura Haebe



Allie Hodgson



Shayla Kelly



Ruth Lark



Alicia Leung



Cristina Lima



Xiaoying Liu



Sarah Malouf



Isabel McCarten



Monica Mikhaiel



Sarah Morris



Nneka Nnagbo



Madison Norton



Nimrat Obhi





Kelly Ann O'Connor

Anais Poupart

Sarah Pullen

Holly Rack

Caitlin Rogers

Nadege Ross

Sadaf Salehi



Rachel Selwyn

Emily Soussana



Ashley Tannis

Marina Tannis



Daphnée Tosoni

Valérie
Touchette-Mosley

Lauren Townsend

Sabrina Villeneuve

Daphne Wallace

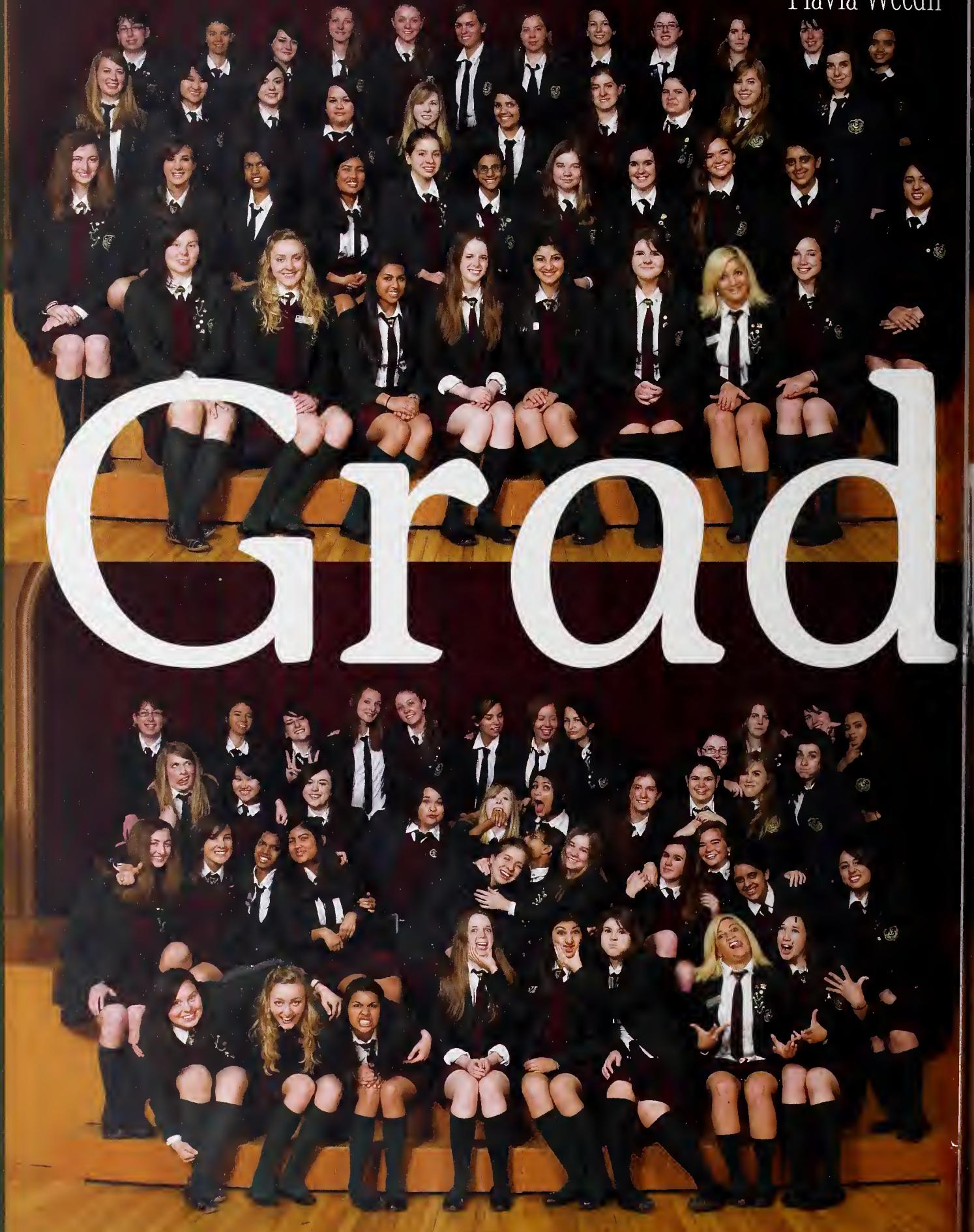
Maya Wilson

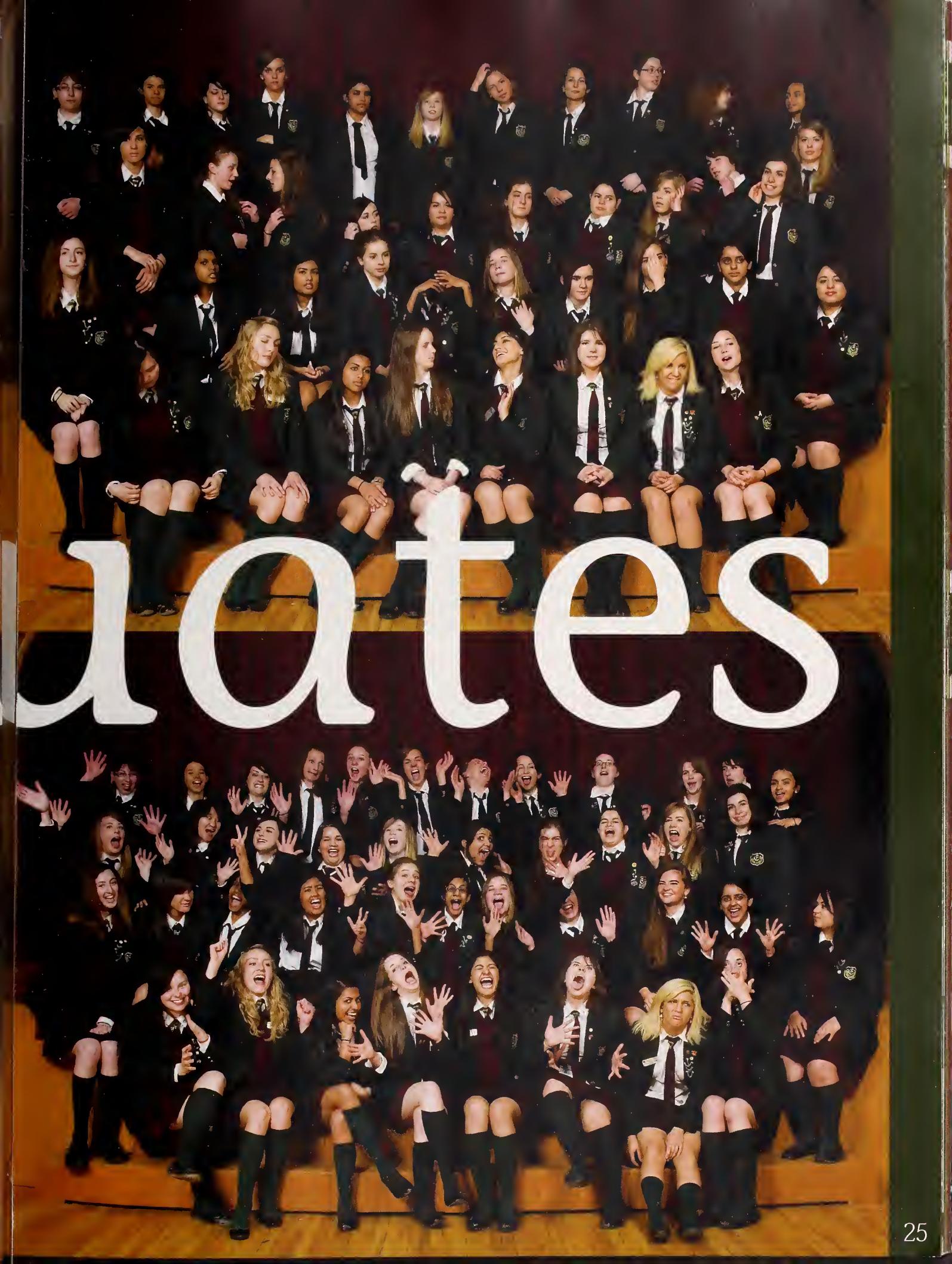
Lucy Zheng



Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while and leave footprints on our hearts and we are never, ever the same.

Flavia Weedn





uates

Emily Bain



Wow, I remember thinking in grade seven how long ago graduation seemed, but here it is. First off, thanks to my grandparents for sending me here, I've had such a fabulous six years here at Elmwood. Classics Club has been incredible, I'm going to miss all those weekend meetings. Thank you to Siharn and Noushig for the sing-alongs in the car everyday (Total Eclipse of the Heart will never be the same). To Jamieson, Julia, Stephie, and Mai Husbando - I love you all so, so much. I've had too many inside jokes and good memories with you guys to reference here.

Thanks, and good luck to everyone.

Alicia Bartlett



It's hard to believe my time at Elmwood is already over. The past 8 years have been full of countless memorable experiences which will never be forgotten. These amazing times wouldn't be possible without all the wonderful people who've surrounded me. To Ms. O, thanks for welcoming me so warmly into Elmwood. To my teachers, thank you - you've taught me so much more than just academics. To my friends, I'll never forget all the fantastic times we've shared. Thanks for being there for me and making my time at Elmwood so special. To Keith, thanks for your love and support; I wouldn't be the person I am today if it weren't for you. Most importantly, to my family, thanks for your constant love, encouragement and understanding. Thanks for giving me this unique opportunity. Grads, it's been amazing! Best of luck in the future and keep in touch.

Sara Bastianelli



Elmwood has been a second home to me for the past eight years and the thought of leaving brings tears to my eyes. The excitement, spirit, encouraging, and warm environment has given me the opportunity to grow, learn, take chances, and create friendships for life. A huge thanks goes out to my teachers, who have equipped me with knowledge and the necessary tools to handle whatever lies ahead. I'd like to also thank the grads for the unforgettable fun, crazy, and wonderful times we have shared together. I love you all and although you don't need it, good luck next year. Finally, I would like to thank my family. To my big bros: thanks for showing me the way and always making me laugh. To mom and dad: Where to start? Thanks for your support, advice, love...thanks for everything. I couldn't have made it without you. Love you all.

Nadine Batchasingh



It seems like I came to Elmwood just yesterday while in fact, 5 years have gone by. Those 5 years have been a journey filled with learning experiences and some of my most prized memories which would not have been possible without these special people. Teachers and Faculty: thank you for your patience and guidance. Friends: thank you for the good times. Afternoon spare crew- L/J/O/S I will miss our s-bucks runs and grads I will miss our jokes and common room times. Croissant: thanks for being the big sister I've always wanted. Friends and Family at home: thank you for the support and for always believing in me. D- Thank you for always listening. Mom and dad- I can never thank you enough and I remain forever grateful. I love you. G- Thank you for helping me make it this far. GRADS 09- ONE LOVE.

Birthday Girl

Attending Elmwood has been a very eye-opening experience for me. Without this school, I would have never done anything quite like the Duke of Ed program or a student exchange to Australia. It has given me that extra push that taught me that I can take a step out there and do something extraordinary! I have also made amazing life-long friends that I keep very close to my heart and who have taught me so much. I would like to thank my supportive teachers, ameehzingg friends, and loving family for leading me into my next epic chapter with poise. "For attractive lips, speak words of kindness. For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people. For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry. For poise, walk with the knowledge that you will never walk alone...The best thing to hold onto in life is each other" -Audrey Hepburn

Sabrina Blier



Julia Bootsma

I remember in grade school thinking that graduation was just *so far away*. It's funny how time flies when you're having fun. Thanks to my parents for sending me to Elmwood, and to my friends for making these three years so enjoyable. Miller, Justice (Aquaman?), Stephiroth and Bahany - love you all and hope to see you next year! Currie and of course you two Arseneau's - You've made my year amazing and I'll miss you tons. Oh - Gran, Gramps, Nancy, Matthew & Ginger - thanks a bunch for everything you've done for me this year. ~<3

Toodles, noodles! Fry forever;

~Julia

P.S. Thanks to all of my teachers for their amazing support. I really mean it when I say couldn't have done this without you. :)



Senior Prefect

It's hard to believe that when people read this, I'll have graduated from Elmwood. To all of my family –thank you for being the most ridiculous and hilarious family ever; your love and support have meant more to me than you know. Thanks mummy for making my lunch everyday and dad for those constant stupid jokes. My friends thank you for giving me some of the best times of my life - I couldn't ask for better friends. Thanks to staff and students for putting up with us and keeping me constantly entertained. Class 08-09: Thanks for all the common room times and B-sessions! Hot messes we may be, but we did it. Peace out Elmwood, stay classy.

- Ally

Ally Brown



Sports Captain

Madeline Burnatowski

How much more exciting can it get! We get to leave great years behind us and move into a world that we're not quite prepared for, but definitely ready for. Mom, Dad, thanks for being there, can it get more cliché? Bre, I missed having you for the last 3 years, but we're better sisters now and always remember "je suis une cocotte." Grads, I've come to the conclusion that you all give me my awesome randomness and I'm glad to have gotten along with you. Siham, Noush, keep singing and "*hit the road Jack*, cause I see a *total eclipse of the heart*" I really didn't know you could make so many versions of a song! Neale, thanks for all the help and getting the council started. Just remember, the Eagle had babies this year! And...don't forget about Superman!



Julia Canning



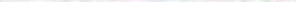
To Elmwood! These have been the most crazy and amazing years of my life! I want to thank my teachers for always pushing me to do my best, my coaches for making every sport I have done so much fun, my parents for sending me to such a great school and of course my friends who have given me unforgettable memories! I am going to miss Elmwood so much and will never forget the opportunities going here has given me. From Quebec City, Bark Lake and summers to parties, Stratford, Field Hockey, etc. I know I have made friends that will last a lifetime! I can't wait to find out where life will bring me next! Bye Elmwood!

Stephanie Chapman



Before I came to Elmwood I preferred to keep to myself and not get involved in general school life, but now that has changed. I have spent the past four years involved in the Classics Club and the Theatre Production and I have loved every minute of my involvement. I have also met some fantastic people during my fours years here that have helped to change me for the better. The friends I have made here have been wonderful and they have helped me to grow as a person and become who I am today. I would like to thank all teachers, club members, classmates and all of my amazing friends. You are all spectacular!

Meagan Cork



I have had an amazing six years at Elmwood. Thanks Mom and Dad for giving me the opportunity and the privilege to attend such a great school. Emily, thanks for helping me make some hard decisions this year for university. Your sarcastic remarks will only make me stronger. And Julia, I loved coaching you for basketball. Good luck keeping the house clean without me! Thanks Wiggles for always cheering me up. I love you all and will miss you so much next year. I also want to thank my teachers and coaches for helping me grow and learn. Finally, my years at Elmwood would not have been the same without all my amazing friends. It has been fun and definitely unforgettable. I can't believe it's over. I will miss you guys so much and I will remember you all forever.

Pooja Deeljur



My experience in Elmwood has been very different. I have learnt many new things in my past two years here. I have met a lot of new people and made many new friends. I will miss you all next year when we all part of to different universities to follow our dreams. Congratulations to all the grads!

Head Girl

Wow, these nine years at the wood have been the craziest, most amazing, life-changing years of my life. Mom, dad and Anisha, thank you for the endless love and support; you keep me grounded and always encourage me to keep reaching for the stars. Thank you to all my friends for the love, laughter and unforgettable memories. You all mean the world to me. Teachers, thanks for always supporting me, answering my questions and reading past the word limit. Thanks to the admin and prefects for all the fun times and open minds, I am so proud of what we accomplished and I couldn't have asked for a more magical year! To all the Girls in the Wood - thanks for making my experience so worthwhile with your smiles and positive attitudes. Remember to make the most of your experience here...you never know what can happen. Congrats Grads '09! I love you all, and remember - this is only the beginning.

Sophia Dhalla



Nancy Do

Elmwood. It was a place to help you do well, get a good future, become a leader or become yourself...It was a stressful, yet fun experience. At first it had a very serious - "education-based" atmosphere but as I made more friends it became a real place for girls and their girlfriends to enjoy themselves in. We all get along, we're all friends, everyone's nice to each other, plus we all support each other! I was amazed when I discovered this. I have made many memories with my friends and teachers. I want to thank my parents and close ones for being with me through this whole journey. I've learnt a lot about myself, and life that I will treasure always. High school will always stay in my heart, it has taught me very valuable lessons. Elmwood is just another story. So, Elmwood thanks.



Co-Editor of Literally Elmwood & Tartan Tattler

Sarah Dost

It is with mixed emotions that I take this step - looking forward to the future but also looking back at four memorable years at Elmwood.

The remarkable individuals I've had the privilege of being taught by here have been truly inspiring and have shaped me into my present self. Elmwood has enabled me to found a Literary Arts magazine, edit the school newspaper, take on leadership roles, and realise my creative potential.

Thank you to my close friends for holding out their hand whenever I fell, and to my family for their support.

The friendships I have formed here, with fellow students and teachers alike, will hopefully last a life-time; if anything, the memories certainly will.

To my fellow graduates, I wish you the all the success and happiness you deserve. We did it!:D



Jessica Edwards

We're done. To the grads 09 I say:

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go. - Dr. Seuss

Thanks to everyone.



Siham El Rayes



Dear Elmwood

I'm excited to wear my nose ring and nail polish. Dear Grads 09, I will miss you oh so very much once we graduate. Dear family, thank you for not disowning me even though I know you want to. Dr J, you know what the prostate gland does. BYE Ms Boyd, you will miss me. Special mention goes to MB, NK, DL, MF, and JC and everyone else! Xoxo, gossip girl. P.S. AND I NEED YOU MORE TONIGHT, AND I NEED YOU MORE THAN EVER, AND IF YOU'LL ONLY HOLD ME TIGHT, WELL BE HOLDING ON FOREVER AND WE'LL ONLY BE MAKING IT RIGHT CAUSE WELL NEVER BE WRONG TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH THE END OF THE NIGHT, YOUR LOVE IS LIKE A SHADOW ON ME ALL THE TIME. Why am I covered in feathers? Andy Bernard is my soul mate. Five more words left DONE.

Marcela Ferro



My years at Elmwood have been amazing!! I thank my parents for giving me the opportunity to study at Elmwood and believing in me the whole way. Thank-you to all my teachers who taught me so much and put up with me! WOW. I thank my friends for being so amazing and for always being there for me. I love you guys and will miss you very much! Siham, Alexa, Sabrina, you guys are the best. I'll miss you guys SOOOOOOO MUCHHHHH!! Sabrina, I'll visit you in Florida and bring my cooking book. Siham, you never failed to make me laugh and I just love you. I will defs visit you in Australia. I can't wait!! Kangaroos!! And Alexa, I don't know how this year would have been without you. I will miss you so much!! Ace and Jocelyn! BFF (Best Friends 4Ever) or BBF (Best Boyfriend Forever) u choose.

Shilpa Goel



Head of Nightingale

These past 7 years at elms have been some of the most valuable years of my life. There have been many ups and downs but I'm lucky to have had such amazing people there supporting me. **Mummy, Papa, Didi:** Thank you so much for all your support, encouragement, and everything you have given me. **Teachers/Staff:** You've helped me achieve my goals and school just wouldn't be the same without you! **Prefects:** You complete me. This year has been fabulous; you are all so creative and I've formed some amazing friendships with you guys! **To my friends:** I love you guys no matter how crazy and spastic we can be! **SD:** There is way too much to say but I love you! **GRADS '09:** We did it! You guys have made Gr12 amazingly unforgettable and you will be missed! Lovessss ya

Rina Halili



Duke of Edinburgh Leader

How can I sum up my high school experience in 150 words? I can start by mentioning that I find it very hard to believe my four years at Elmwood are coming to an end. I have had many unforgettable experiences and have met many great people. I'm also very lucky to have made some incredible friends. I feel so grateful for the opportunity I was given to attend Elmwood. It has certainly been one of the best experiences of my life. To my parents and my sister Lyra, thank you for all your love and support. I couldn't have made it this far without you and all the sacrifices you have made for me. To my incredible friends, thank you so much. I feel so lucky to have met you. I will treasure our great memories forever. To all my fellow graduates, I wish you all the best! Congratulations!

Julianne Hughes

Thanks to my family and friends. It has been a great 7 years!

I love you Elmwood!!!



Alison Jamieson

Hello fabulous people! I can't believe it's over already! These last few years seem like a blur when I look back on them, but I loved every minute of it, it made my life! Thank you to all the friends I've made, to both the ones who are leaving with me and the ones I'm leaving behind, for making this experience so fabulous! Thanks to Ms. Ellison and Mrs. Boychuk for giving me such wonderful opportunities in the play and Classics Club each year, I'll cherish the memories forever. It's been an epic 6 years, and while I'll miss this place SO much, I can't help but say "Huzzah!! I did it!" (cue victory music!).

Now, while my time is done here, to those I leave behind me, remember this: IT'S THE FINAL COUNTDOWN! Make it count! When it's your turn to graduate and it seems impossible, just believe in me, who believes in you!

Ciao!



Arts Prefect

Noushig Rita Kadian

First dance, first uniform, first painting, first race, first performance, first class... Grade 8 was my first year at Elmwood and the beginning of many firsts. Thank you to the teachers who inspired me and pushed me beyond what I knew I could achieve. Thank you to the friends who made my years here colourful and manageable M: opposites attract, thnx for making me seem a little less awkward :) S: stop looking worried, we'll be pen pals!! Sab, Marcy, and EVERYONE ELSE : thanks for the memories xox Merci Mamie, Bab, Anaïs non seulement pour être la meilleure famille, mais aussi pour être le plus grand support dans ma vie, batchigner ! CIAO



Head of Fry

Sandy Kechichian

Being at Elmwood for 11 years has definitely left me with enough memories to last me a lifetime. I've met so many incredible people and built so many strong friendships that I could never forget. Elmwood has given me so many opportunities to excel and though very stressful at times I could obvi deal with the help of everyone around me. Thank you to my parents for the big bucks they gave sending me here for 11 years; thank you to my whole family for supporting me through my long journey here. Lorin, having you and your family for my last two years of high school has been incredible, love you cakes. To all the teachers and staff, thank you for letting me give you ridiculous nick names and always supporting me. To my friends, gawsh we've certainly had some fun times, I love you, and I couldn't have made it without you.



Emily Kitagawa Co-Editor of Literally Elmwood & Tartan Tattle



A year of burgundy,
Icing on two layers of green,
Stacked and precariously balanced,
On the bookshelf of time.
Three years have blinked by,
They flicker and fly.
A collision of memories,
A traffic jam of change.

This is not the stop light that marks the end,
But rather the breath before the beginning.
The anticipation,

Waiting for the light to change,
At the intersection of so many choices,
And so little time.

Nothing to do but say goodbye,
And hello,
And thank you,
To all of you.

"Because things are the way they are, things
will not stay the way they are."
—Bertolt Brecht



Olivia Kruszewski



To Mom and Dad, the two most important people in my life: thank you and I love you. To everyone who has accepted me at my worst and loved me at my best: thank you and I love you. To everyone who has contributed to making me the person that I am: thank you and I love you. It's a big world out there, and I hope it's ready for us. Stay classy, '09! We made it!! "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go." -Dr Seuss.



Danika Leminski



The velocity in which the past six years whipped by is a dizzyingly complex concept for the human intellect to fully comprehend. My era at Elmwood is voluminously overflowing with rapturous memories that have aided to sculpt me into the imitable individual that I am today. I extend my utmost gratitude to my family, especially my parents, for encouraging me to strive to be the best that I can be. I also thank my teachers for nurturing my inquisitive mind with their pedagogy. A gargantuan congratulation goes out to all the graduating pupils of '09, especially my friends - thank you for making the Elmwood experience such a convivial and a mind-blowingly formidable one. I wish

you the most colossal success in the future!

On a final note, however, despite my substantial education, one puzzling question will forever remain unanswered: Why is the marker in the apple bowl?



Lore Lima



Wait, it's over? To all my teachers, Mrs Marchand & Mrs Clarke, thanks for teaching me & listening to me when I needed it. To mum & dad, thanks for supporting me & helping me achieve the many things I have today. I love you! Cris, you've talked me through many tough times & being each other's shadows for years has been amazing and I'm going to miss it next year & S/T/A/R, your jokes, energy & advice definitely kept me going. thank you, I love you all. My GFs, you gurlzz are crazy & I'm so lucky to have met each one of you. MTAN, ILY, step back your dancing kinda close... O/N/S/K, SBucks just wont be the same without you. Grads, the CR was a jumble of emotion & I loved it. We did it ladies, congrats! Peace out Eagles!!!



Middle School Prefect

International Night Leader

"A day without laughter is a day wasted"

Charlie Chaplin

cannot recall a time when our laughter did not echo in the hallways—so much so that it disturbed classes. Mom, words cannot express how grateful I am for the opportunities you have provided for me and for your love and support. My girls, you mean the world to me, S.D my love for you extends far beyond my love for pasta salad. S.S, my partner in crime, from International Night, Dance and Cultures Club, we have lived through it all.

Thank you Mrs. Bradley, Dr. Johnston, and Mrs. Purran, and all my teachers, your unwavering patience and understanding is much appreciated. Lastly, thank you Elmwood. Although I now despise the color green, and I will never look at a white blouse the same way, you have shaped me into the person that stands before the world today.

Kate Lysenko



Admissions Prefect

Geneviève McSpaden

Elmwood is a special school where girls are encouraged to demonstrate leadership while pursuing passions. During my 6 years at Elmwood, I was able to pursue a full diploma in the International Baccalaureate program, complete the requirements for the Gold Award in Duke of Edinburgh, participate in Shad Valley and travel to Egypt for Peace Camp—all while pursuing my passion for singing. The friendships found at Elmwood have created memories to last a lifetime.

There are so many caring teachers to thank for their patience and support as well as for being a constant source of motivation. I will miss you. Special acknowledgement is due to the Student Ambassadors who contribute to the heart and soul of Elmwood. Expect the unexpected because the best is yet to come!



Head of Wilson

Alison Miller

Adieu Elmwood! Thank you Mom and Dad, all my love, Grandpa Stuart and Grandma Maxine I never knew you, but you seem like amazing people.

Stephie, Jamieson, Julia and Mai Waifu, you guys are way more than four popped collars cool, love and hugs and all that jazz. Love also to Spud and Bean; you are legumes/veggies I would be happy to veg. out with, for serious.

Thanks to Ms. Ellison for pretty much everything (including helping me pass my grade 9 math exam), as well as all the other awesome teachers who work at Elmwood. Heads up to Classics Club and Play, I've never spent so many (fantastic) weekends in one place.

Wilson House! You guys were, are and always will be B-A-N-A-N-A-S!

It is time for me to begin the next stage of my life and I have only one thing to say:

It's Hero Time! ~ <4



Alexa Murray

Summing up my Elmwood experience is like trying to avoid a Dwight Schrute reference in the Common room: Impossible. So, here are some words of gratitude.

Thank you to Elmwood, for attempting to show me the fashionable side of the colour green. Thanks to my family, for helping me along these past 18 years with surprisingly no long term psychological problems accounted for! Also, for financing my extravagant lifestyle.

To my fabulous friends, who took any chance to make me cry with laughter, and boost my self esteem, you guys will never leave my mind. Especially when I need someone to watch obscure internet videos with.

P.S. Don't forget, Marcela, SMILE LIKE A BIG BOY :D

P.P.S. To the thread: Be Quiet Forever!



Raisa Patel

Co-Editor of Tartan Tattler



Eight years in one hundred words...that's a tall order! Going to Elmwood was an experience that taught me so much about so many things. I must thank my parents for this, because if they never put in all those hours convincing my nine year-old self to go to Elmwood, this journey never would have begun. A huge thanks also goes out to all my teachers for their constant support. I also want to thank each and every friend I made here, because they all mean more to me than they will ever know. My Elmwood experience allowed me to dream and helped me on my way to achieve them. As a character of J.K. Rowling's once said..."You sort of start thinking anything's possible if you've got enough nerve." I guess you could say Elmwood gave me that nerve.

Ruthanne Rath

Head of Keller



To All My Girls in the Wood! I WILL MISS YOU ALL SO MUCH (: ! Thank you girls for all the memories throughout my 4 years here I will always remember then and you! Thank you Dad and Mom for sending me to Elmwood it has been such a great experience and I am so grateful for this opportunity! Thanks to all my teachers who put up with me these 4 years! I'm sad to leave Elmwood but I know that going here has meant that I'm ready for what the future brings :)! BYE Elmwood and one last time... Eagles on 2! 1 2 EAGLES! :)

Shrutee Sardana



The past 4 years of high school have been an enjoyable journey for me. I would like to thank my parents for sending me to Elmwood and giving me all the wonderful opportunities that have helped me discover myself and take chances. Thank you to all my friends who have helped me throughout my 3 years here. You guys are amazing and my "thank you's" and "sorry's" aren't enough P.I. I wish all the grads of 2009 best of luck for their future and I hope we all stay in touch!

"Wherever you go, go with all your heart"

Saumya Saxena

International Night Leader



It is an exhilarating feeling to reflect upon my time at Elmwood and recognize the growth the learning, the friendships, and the opportunities that have been infinitely enriched my experience. Within these special memories lies the love and support of so many individuals whom I am forever grateful. First and foremost, my dearest mother - your sheer perseverance, hard work and unwavering morals have shaped the person I am, and I feel exceedingly privileged to have such an extraordinary role model in my life. My deepest thanks to my family and friends for their consistent support, and for always bringing joy, excitement, stability to my whirlwind life! I am thankful to my inspiring teachers for generously sharing their passions and knowledge, and for nurturing my abilities, feeding my curiosity, challenging me to grow. To my fellow graduates, these past 4 years have been an absolute pleasure. I hope your dreams take you "to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and to the most special places your heart has ever known."

Duke of Edinburgh Leader

Joanna Schembri

Wow...what an amazing six years it has been! The past six years have been filled with friendships, experiences, and challenges. DOE mixed in to my senior year was like a cherry on top of a perfect sundae. To my friends, I have had so many unforgettable and fun times with you which I will always remember! Thank you so much to my teachers and to my supporters in guidance (I owe you a life time supply of cookies!). Most importantly, thank you Mom, Dad, and Francesca for your continuous support and love. You have helped me to smooth the bumps in the road and do not know what I would have done without you. Thank you for helping me realise my potential even when I doubted. You taught me to never give up on my dreams. Congrats to grads 09 and best wishes for the future!



Junior School Prefect

Bronwyn Thomson

Wow, as if the best years of my life are coming to an end! I have had the most amazing time at Elmwood and I am going to miss everything about it. To friends, you mean the world to me and I don't know if I will ever find a funnier, crazier and nicer group of girls! To my parents- Thank you so much for all your support, help and early morning drives! To all my teachers, you are what make Elmwood the best place ever! Leaving Elmwood is like a family and a home. I Love you all so much!



Prefect-at-Large

Sonya Wadhera

Elmwood has taught me a lot more than what can be learned inside a classroom. During my seven years here, I was able to accomplish more than I ever thought possible. I can't believe I went dog sledding and hiked for 4 days straight! It was great to meet people from all over the world at the People to People Conference and make life long friends at Shad Valley. This would not have been possible without my loving parents and sister Priya, who have always been there to support me no matter what. I love you all so much! Thanks to all my teachers for your guidance and putting up with all my questions. Although I am ready to start a new chapter in my life, I will never forget this one. Congrats grads 09 and good luck!



Anne Marie Wilson

I can't believe that my years at Elmwood are already over. These past six years have been more fun and more incredible than I could have ever imagined. Thank you to all of my teachers who have encouraged and supported me throughout the years. Mom and Dad - thank you so much for everything. You've been amazing and I don't know what I would have done without you. To all of my friends - you're the best friends in the world and thank you for always making me laugh. I know we're so G-rated, but it's been so much fun and it wouldn't have been the same without you. Grads - good luck next year, I'll miss you!



Katerina Yelle Labre

"Moving on, is a simple thing, what it leaves behind is hard." After 6 years at Elmwood you could say it has become a huge part of my life. It will leave behind great sadness; however it has well prepared us to enter the next phase of our lives. I would like to thank my parents who have always been there for me, supporting me, encouraging me and believing in me, without you I would not have been able to make it. Thank you to all the AMAZING teachers that I've had, for all your help and patience. Thank you to all my friends who have helped me get through this year. LI, NB and OK I'm really gonna miss our fun SBUCKS sessions during spare. Thank you to everyone else who in their own way have changed my life for the best. CONGRATS GRADS 09 WE DID IT!



Faculty





The mediocre teacher tells.
The good teacher explains.
The superior teacher demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires.

William Arthur Ward

Head of School



Mrs. Cheryl Boughton

look back over the past year and see how much we have accomplished in our journey together this year. In the classroom, on the stage, in the gym or out of doors, you girls have explored, created, experimented, grown, achieved and expressed yourselves in the most impressive manner.

It's hard to pick out our main accomplishments, since there were so many, but here is a sample of what we achieved. We raised \$27,809 for Run for the Cure; we won the Ottawa Team Challenge for the 9th year in a row and raised the highest amount for a school in Canada. We showcased our talents by performing at a number of public events including the WW1 Vigil, the A Channel, the Kiwanis Festival and the opening ceremonies of the World Partnership Walk. We were named one of the top 5 vegetarian friendly schools in Canada. We raised more than \$13,000 for our many charities including our House charities, Child Haven International and Help Lesotho. Our Grade 7/8 basketball defeated Frank Ryan Catholic School in the last minute of play to win the Ottawa Catholic School Board Championships and finished their season unbeaten. Our graduating class were offered nearly \$1 million dollars in scholarships. Above all else we learned, we had fun, we made friends and we achieved our goals. I am so proud of you all and proud of the things we have achieved together. I would like to thank all the whole Elmwood community for making me feel so welcome. It's been a wonderful year. Closing ceremonies only just finished, but I'm already looking forward to September!

It's hard to believe that a year has passed since I left England and returned home to Canada to become Head of Elmwood. When I first joined Elmwood I wrote a message on our website about my experiences in becoming a Head of School. I had been told that becoming the Head of a school is rather like boarding a moving train. You haul yourself into one of the rear carriages, slam the door hard and sit down heavily on your suitcase. (This is Day One.) In the succeeding days and weeks, you must gradually make your way towards the locomotive's engine. Once you reach the engineer's seat you can see through the windshield where the train is going, you can view the way ahead and begin to consider the route.

I found this analogy incredibly helpful because it does convey the forward-focused feeling that characterizes the first few weeks and months of Headship. I joined a complex, moving growing entity which had a life and momentum already in full flow; it took time to understand and appreciate it. It's wonderful to have taken the time to make my way through the train, to meet all the passengers on board and to appreciate and understand the unique qualities that make up this fantastic school. I have spoken to many members of our community and have learned a lot about Elmwood along the route. It's even more pleasing to have reached the engineer's seat; I can see where we are going and our destination is clearly in sight. In looking forward towards our destination, I can also

Vice Principals

Ms. Rebecca Carver - Senior School

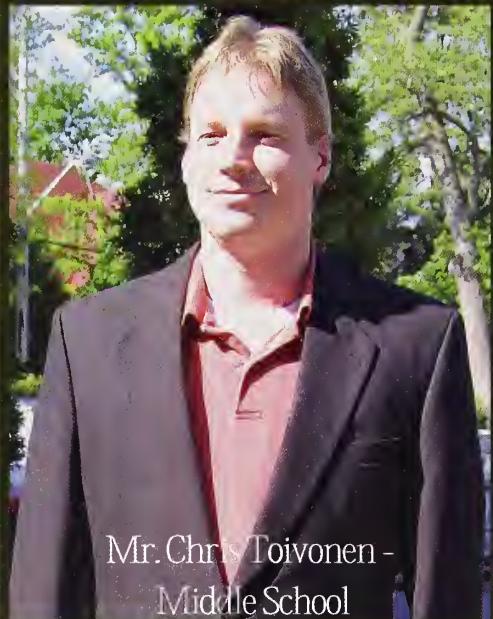


"Reach for the moon, because if you don't make it you'll land among the stars."

I have always been inspired by these "words of wisdom", especially as they apply to Elmwood School. I believe that girls who share their passions with their fellow students, will find their niche at Elmwood and that Elmwood will remain an unforgettable inspiration for achieving future goals. I hope that our graduates will reach for the moon and that their experiences at Elmwood will help them to shine throughout their lives!

Potential is something that can only be realized through belief in oneself. This year in the Middle School we learned that we are exceptional. We learned that there are no wrong answers, only springboards to right ones. We learned from every success and every failure. We learned that we are all different learners. We learned one person can make a difference. We learned how to be a friend. We learned how to master a skill. We learned about ourselves. We learned how to sing, run, and play. In 2008/2009 the Middle School wasn't all about reaching your potential, it was also about realizing that you could access your potential. It was about learning that striving to be your best only yields the best results. Our Middle School girls have grown to understand their boundless potential and are beginning to abandon "*I can't*". They are well prepared to tackle any obstacle in Senior School. And should they come up against something that challenges them in any facet of their life they will be backed by all that they have learned in the Middle School at Elmwood. They will be strong and think - to quote the lyrical genius that is the Jonas Brothers - "*Don't you worry. Hey we're gonna be alright, we're gonna be alright. Gonna be alright yea. Woo. Hey hey hey*"

Mrs. Kate Angell - Junior School



Mr. Chris Toivonen -
Middle School

The educational philosopher John Dewey once wrote, "*To be playful and serious at the same time defines the ideal mental condition*". These wise words seem to me to encapsulate our year in Elmwood's Junior School - a year of laughter and of learning, a year filled with the joy inherent in a dynamic, meaningful learning process. In September we welcomed back old friends and celebrated the arrival of new friends to Elmwood.

We have wonderful memories of the year that followed; our Kindergarten girls experiencing the pride of learning to read and write; our Grade 3 students presenting their Power of One PowerPoints to their parents; the Grade 5 girls undertaking an exceptional research project and presenting their PYP Exhibition to the Elmwood community with a confidence and skill that exceeds their years. Now, as June approaches, it is time to reflect on the year that has passed, and to look with excitement to the year ahead.

Math



Kyla Cavanagh, Brenlee Claman, Julie Boyd, Kathryn Barr, Malek Purran, Claire Glazier, Chris Toivonen (absent).

“ I've always liked the quote: 'Chacun à son goût,' which means, 'to each his/her own taste or preference.' ”

- Ms. Claman

“ My favourite book is 'The Many Lives and Secret Sorrows of Josephine B' by Sandra Gulland. This is an incredible read because it portrays the tumultuous times before and during the French Revolution from purely a woman's point of view. Very interesting.”

- Ms. Glazier



“ Keep smiling! It makes you and those around you feel great.”

- Mrs. Barr



Science



“ My ultimate dream is to travel the world. I would love to spend time exploring all of the continents.”

- Ms. Derbyshire



“ My ultimate dream is to convert the chemistry lab into a research centre.”

- Dr. Mahin



Mohammad Mahin, Angela Johnston, Kyla Cavanagh, Julie Boyd, Erin Mulcahy, Malek Purran, Erin Derbyshire.

“ Don't stress the small stuff!”

- Dr. Johnston



Languages

“ ‘Caminante, no hay camino, se hace camino al andar,’ meaning ‘Walker, there is no road, the road is made by walking.’ - Antonio Machadon ”

- Ms. Moreno



“ If I could change anything in the world, I would remove all parking lots for city councilors and mayors, forcing them to rethink how they plan cities and start favouring convivial means of transportation such as light rail and bikes. Cities would become more human, beautiful and cleaner. ”

- Mr. Huot



Elizabeth Ellison, Christien Huot, Nadine Delanghe, Kyla Cavanagh, Natalie Moses, Laila Abada; Martha Torres, Pauline Rubarth, Olga Moreno (all absent).

English



Kathryn Barr, Cheryl Tweedie, Elizabeth Ellison, Angela Boychuk, Tracy Noon, Elska Malek, Alison Bartlett (absent).

“ No one can live happily who looks to himself alone and transforms everything into a question of his own utility; you must live for your neighbour, if you wish to live for yourself. ”

- Seneca

- Ms. Ellison



“ It's like shooting fish in a barrel.’ That is, the language is so rich and poetic that it's hard to read it without remarking on the literary devices. I like this saying because its visual imagery is shocking: it immediately evokes the absurd, which hopefully makes the task less daunting. ”

- Ms. Malek



Arts



Tracy Noon, Evelyn Pike, Nicolas Gummesson, Angela Boychuk, Oriana Sutorius, Laura Schwarzkopf (absent).

“ One day at a time – this is enough. Do not look back and grieve over the past for it is gone; and do not be troubled about the future, for it has not yet come. Live in the present, and make it so beautiful it will be worth remembering. ”

- Ms. Noon

“ Just Giv'r. ”

- Mr. Gummesson



Humanities



“ My favourite word? “Actually.” When a person uses “actually,” are they saying that what they were saying before wasn’t true? Always been confused about the overuse of that term. ”

- Ms. Grass



Gretta Bradley, Cheryl Tweedie, Nadine Delange, Jessica Grass, Andrea Kelly, Claire Glazier (absent).

“ Shoot for the stars! ”

- Ms. Delanghe



Physical Education

“ If I could change anything in the world,
I would increase the fitness levels
and healthy lifestyles of human kind. ”

- Ms. Neale



“ Excellence is doing ordinary things
extraordinarily well.’ I love this quote
because it applies to family
life, sports and school life. ”

- Mrs. Mulcahy



Brenda Neale, Erin Mulcahy, Cheryl Tweedie, Lucinda Stafford,
Erin Derbyshire, Nadine Delange, Megan Vrancart (absent).

Guidance & Library

“ Get a good
education and
read lots
of books. ”

- Mrs. Clubine



Rebecca Carver, Janice Clarke, Carla Gaebel, Melanie D'Alessio, MaryAnne Caputo, Frances Marchand, Jackie Cormerton, Carol Clubine.

“ My favourite quote? Whatever
you fear most has no power -- it
is your fear that has the power.
Man, that Oprah Winfrey
knows what she's talking about. ”

- Mrs. Clarke



Junior School



Chandra Wiegand, Kate Angell, Sarah Hay,
Kimberly Zemlak, Catherine Wiley, Carolyn
Wakeham, Gail Gavan, Brenda Huggins, Roger
Adams, Evelyn Pike, Christine Blackadar, Kate
Meadowcroft, Lucina Stafford, Kathie Theriault.

“ My ultimate dream is that Ottawa builds a giant health facility with soccer fields and an indoor track and field area. It would also have a gymnastic and martial arts area, Olympic swimming pool, fitness rooms, a child-friendly activity room and it would be ... highly energy efficient and environmentally responsible ... That is my ultimate dream. ”

- Mr. Adams

“ My ultimate dream is
to publish childrens' books. ”

- Mrs. Hay

Kitchen and Custodial Staff



Ken Brown, Judy Kearley, Donna D'Amico



“ There is nothing better than
birthday cake.
It's like a slice of concentrated
love with buttercream frosting. ”

- Arisa Hosaka



Colin Methot, Patrick Kelly, Scott Fraser, Pedro Serroa.

Tech and Tech Support

“ If I could change anything in the world, I would eradicate poverty. ”
- Ms. Rossiter



“ Never trust a computer you can't throw out the window. ”
- Mr. Dube



Finance, Admissions and Advancement



Donna Naufal Moffat, Ellen Ewert, Corey Sproule, Blanche Talbot, Teresa Stirling, Olga Moreno, Tanja Mackin, Valerie Jean-Pierre, Jeff Shiao.

“ I think some of the best advice I received when I was younger is rely only on yourself, be independent but know when to ask for help. ”
- Ms. Jean-Pierre



“ My favourite book is “Roots” by Alex Haley because it deals with struggle – coping with and overcoming it. ”
- Mr. Shiao



Who am Eye?





Answers P47: Left to Right

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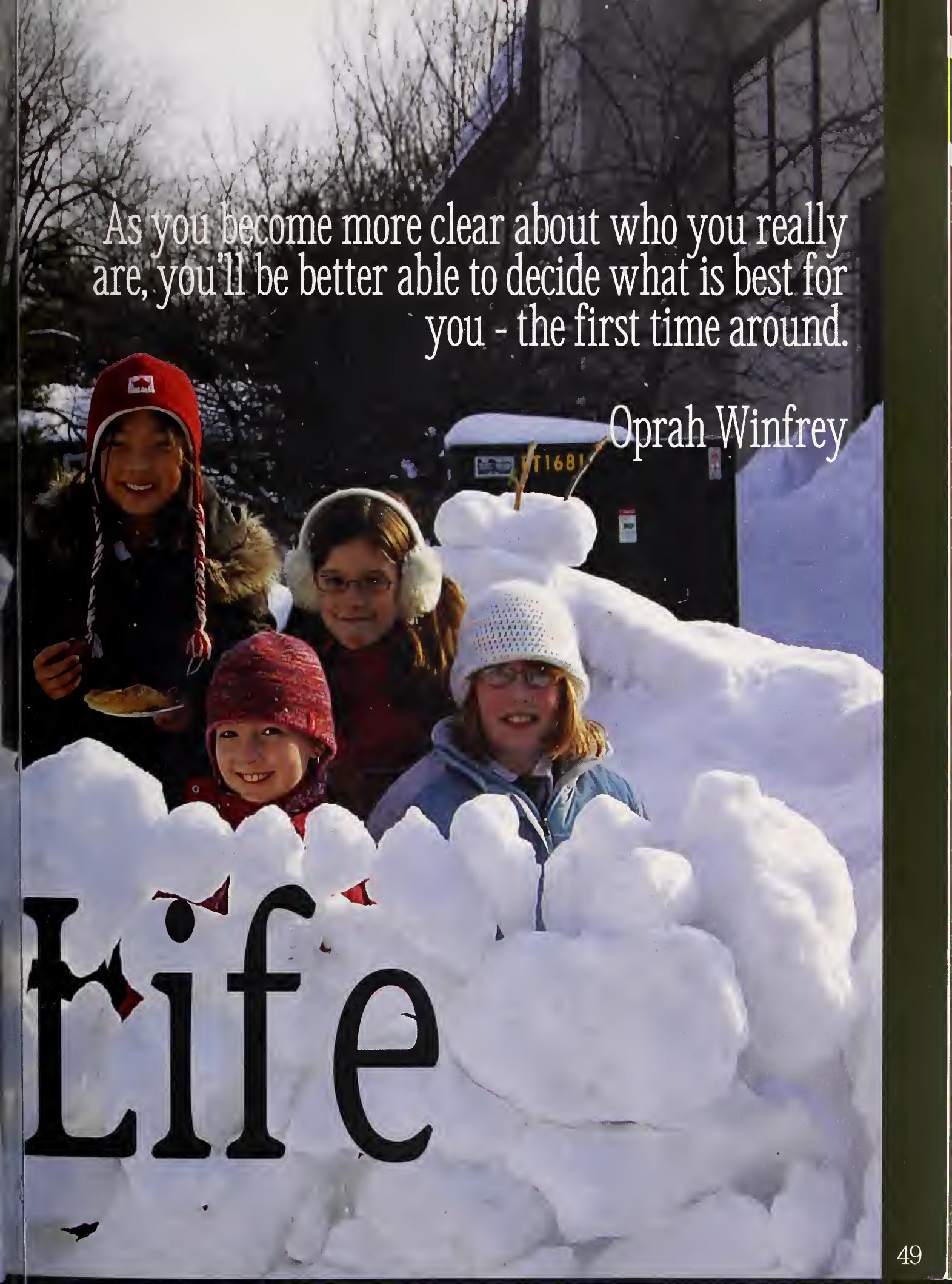
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Student



As you become more clear about who you really are, you'll be better able to decide what is best for you - the first time around.

Oprah Winfrey

Life

FRY



**“ Fry consists of
uncontrollable spirit &
dedicated superstars ”**

Sandy K – Head of Fry



**FRY
HOUSE**

Friendship for All

NIGHTINGALE



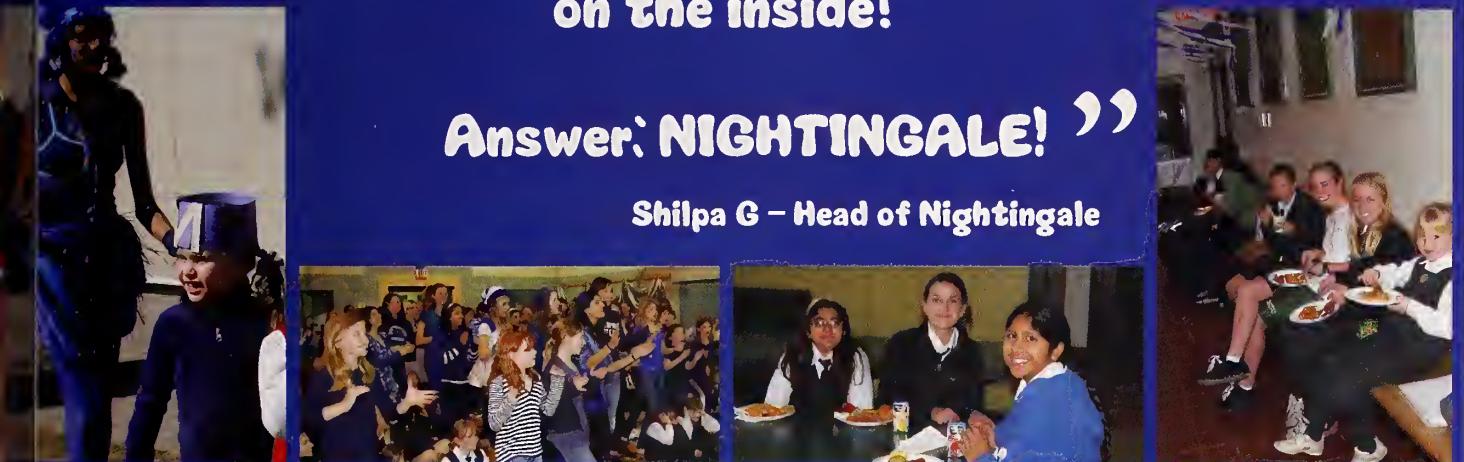
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**What is decked out in navy on
the outside and is a
bundle of spirit and energy
on the inside?**



Answer: NIGHTINGALE! ”

Shilpa G – Head of Nightingale



Not for Ourselves Alone

KELLER



**“ A sense of spirit,
accomplishment
and screaming
your heart out.
All an important
part of being in
Keller. ”**

Ruthanne R - Head of Keller



Fair Play

WILSON



“How do you spell
spirited at Elmwood?
W-I-L-S-O-N!”

Alison Miller—Head of Wilson



Never Count the Cost

Art and Literature

“The artist is the creator of beautiful things.”

- Oscar Wilde

“Sprinkles” by Emilie Chiasson (right)

Make your passions fit your pleasures.

Open up your heart to days

That offer you unwanted treasures:

Cannot kill what love portrays

Keep me close and naught but shadow,

Let them come and pay their price.

Carry me to open waters:

Catch your breath and roll the dice.

“Passions and Pleasures” by Nimrat Obhi



“City on Fire: The Bob Marley Concert”
by Danika Leminski



Pastel Flower Drawings by Grade 7 Art



“The Ripple Effect” by Alicia Loun

Not the past, nor present
But the future, every blink
Unripe to begin

- “The Future” by Selena Saikaley



“Mademoiselle Musique” by
Anais Poupart



“Drop Zone” by Raisa Fud

This year's trip to Stratford was made from concentrated theatre. Good to the last drop. With four servings of delectably eye-opening plays and two servings of energetic musicals, your theatre nutrition needs are well sufficed. Each serving had its own flavour, its own style, and its own relevance in today's world. After seeing Shakespeare's dark and brooding Hamlet, Caesar and Cleopatra was a well welcomed refreshment. Sure to salivate was Ontario's own Christopher Plummer who played the comic and easy-going Caesar. Approaching his eighth decade, Plummer did not let his age make the better of his performance; he was a joy to watch after having watched and re-watched his younger self in The Sound of Music. Stratford's version of Moby Dick was certainly surprising. Only a handful of words were spoken, and a voice-over commenced each scene. It is difficult to refer to Moby Dick as a play, for it was more of an interpretive dance. It was visually striking especially considering the props and costumes were chosen with a minimalist approach. Three dancers were used throughout the performance to act the sea. Their interpretation of water was uncanny.

- Responding to Stratford Theatre by Emily Kitagawa

(left to right) “Cat” by Chiyuki, “Looks Like a Tissue” by Pascale Ross, “Horse - Tablet Drawing” by Nimrat Obhi



Most Creative - Holly Rack



"Circus of Children" by Sarah Phillips

Jennifer woke up at about ten o'clock knowing that it was a Saturday morning and that she had gone to bed at midnight the night before. Before she got out of bed to eat breakfast or brush her teeth, she leaned over to reach for her computer. Her parents always said that she was addicted to the internet. The internet had become like a drug to her. Last night, she had been on Facebook talking with her new boyfriend, Matt, for almost five hours. Matt was sixteen, with green eyes and brown hair—she had never met him, but she had seen photos of him. She met Matt via her friend Shannon, who knew him through a friend of a friend that she had met online but was now dating in real life. Matt was trustworthy and smart, and enjoyed drawing, soccer, and the internet. Jennifer believed that they were destined to be together.

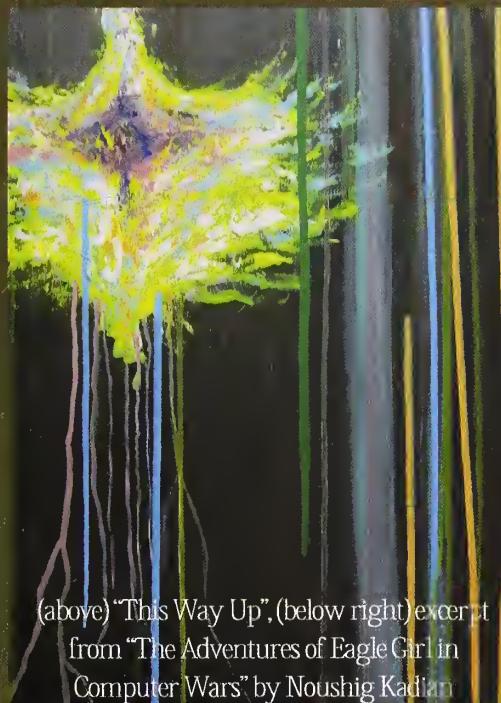
-excerpt from "Things Are Not Always What They Seem" by Maddie Carwile

We
As artists
as youth
are here

To reinvent the colour wheel
To express and to share
To colour outside the lines
To use the universal language
To portray global issues,
personal thoughts,
universal themes
in our own way.

We are here
To shield
the flame of creativity
that burns deep inside everyone of us
to nurture
The seed of inspiration
planted at our core,
To let it grow and spread its roots
and bloom
Art is not just something you make
It IS you.

- excerpt Emily Kitagawa and Sarah Dost (Literally Elmwood editors)



(above) "This Way Up", (below right) excerpt from "The Adventures of Eagle Girl in Computer Wars" by Noushig Kadian



"In the Queue" by
Nimrat Obhi



"DUBESMAN!"
by Nishant Chaturvedi



Best Nature - Raisa Patel



"Venice" by Xiaoying Liu



"Colour" by Olivia Zed

George

Sarah Dost



Bright lights, a crash, a scream, and colours move on
To fill this stormy gap where fingers ache to touch
Against all logic, the seats reject our hollow selves

And we are forced to crash, to scream, and watch the colours move on
As we both dare look at each other for a moment surreal
And for once, made vulnerable to our mutual desires
All too fast, the moment fades away to make room for what is real
And the angels of time appear again to our salvation
To cradle ourselves for days and months uncounted
Until at last we find ourselves riding in your car
As you drive once again and I continue to look back
The corners of your eyes take a slight glance towards me
A risk you have measured carefully to my worth
The silence muted by the song of your voice
“Are you better?”
A shiver up my spine, a sharp intake of breath
“No, No,” I reply.
Never

- excerpt from “Title” by Siham El Rayes

“Les Étoiles” by Nimrat Obhi



In front of the wolves lay a gorge which sliced deep into the depths of the cave floor. Kgamir could not see the bottom of it, but that was mostly because the only light which penetrated the blanket of foggy darkness below were thin shafts of light from the ending day. There were broken ledges and tracks leading along the side of the cliff to the bottom, carved by water as it streamed downwards. The stone walls were slicked with damp mosses and lichen, and the persistent drip of water echoed around the cavern. There was very little space between their heads and the ceiling, which made it feel like they were being forced out into the open maw of stone. It was too easy to picture the chasm as the throat of some giant creature of rock and earth and deepest darkness, waiting to feast upon whomever came to enter its patient jaws.

- excerpt from “Dying Flames” by Maya Wilson

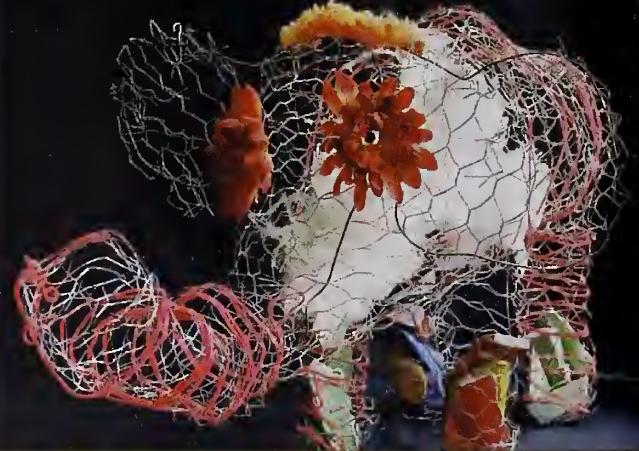


“Iran” by Sahar Salari



“Phone Booth” by Lascile Ross

“The Elephant and the Dove” by Noushig Rita Kadian



Love me
love me not
don't ever tell
(the daisies won't)

sing a song of glitter-guilt
over rusted iron and dying flowers
now I lay me down to rest
pray they keep their gold behest
if I should fly before I rise
give them all my cut-glass lies

- excerpt from “Lullaby of a Train” by Sam Fetter

Stone Soup - Grades One to Three



Rats - Grade Four / Five Drama Production



Yara Al-Rashidi, Alex Angell, Victoria Bolitho, Chloé Bonnet, Julia Brazeau, Caitlin Craigen, Julia Crystal, Hoda Darwish, Nikki Denison, Hannah Dolhai, Laura Douglas, Sijyl Fasih, Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Sydney Greenley, Ciara Halloran, Quinn Healy, Mi Yen Ho, Helen Hume, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Rachel Kamel, Genevieve Laberge, Chloe Lucas, Brooke Mierins, Margaret Nelson, Alex Parizeau, Allegra Richter, Cynthia Sedlezky, Rebecca Seward-Langdon, Meera Singla, Sophia Swettenham, Samantha Thompson-Spence, Brianna Trudel, Sarah Vickers, Karina Wang, Hanna Warith, Meredith Wilson-Smith, Sarah Hay, Xiaoying Liu, Becky Parker, Evelyn Pike, Bronwyn Thomson, Carolyn Wakeham, Chandra Wiegand, Kim Zemlak



Oliver - Middle School Musical



Vicky Coo, Julia Davis, Emily Groper, Kathleen McGuire, Katia Tawagi, Paige Tremblay, Joa Hoshizaki, Zakiya Abdullah, Megan McGinn, Rachel McGinn, Victoria Murray, Danica Bateman, Celina Gilligan, Michelle Le, Ameera Moledina, Sabrina Assaly, Arielle Lavallée, Katherine Doering, Justine Beaulé, Olivia Casarramona, Lilith Dost, Emma Acland, Gillian McCracken, Sarah Peters, Jessica Kotzeff, Eleanor Berks, Shea Timmins, Becky Robinson, Sophia Caragianis, Lindsay Brandys, Alyssa Shenassa, Selena Saikaley, Michaela Kainz-Potter, Sabrina Alsaffar, Samantha Healy, Priyanka Goel, Alana Bobra, Merrin Lalonde, Ingrid Bredberg, Eliza Fetter, Olivia Zed, Gabriella Berman, Larissa Bobra, Courtney Mulock, Gigi Nguyen, Sara Rack



Treasure Island





Cast: Erin Chapman, Grace Crolla, Emily Kitagawa, Allie Hodgson, Juliet Caragianis, Fregine Sheehy, Alison Jamieson, Noushig Kadian, Dr. Mohammad Mahin, Sabrina Villeneuve, Lucy Zheng, Lucy Robert, Stephanie Chapman, Brianna Taylor, Becky Savic, Arielle Lavallée, Sarah Pullen, Emma Dolhai, Katie Carwile, Maddie Carwile, Maka Ngwenya, Rachel Selwyn, Daphne Wallace, Mrs. Boychuk; Crew: Kathi Langston, Brian Boychuk, Nadege Ross, Julia Churchill-Smith, Sarah Frodsham, Sarah Dost, Chiyuki Asai, Karella Boychuk, Raisa Patel, Nadege Ross, Joanna Shembri, Emily Sousana, Saumya Saxena, Shilpa Goel, Elizabeth Ellison, Elska Malek, Evelyn Pike, Madeline Burnatowski, Sandy Kechichian, Gregory LeClair, Carla Gaeble, Jeff Shiu, Stephane Dube, Dwayne Brown, Holly Rack.



Arr me mateys! This year's swashbuckling theatre production left landlubbers unable to believe their deadlights. Based on the novel written by Robert Louis Stevenson, Treasure Island is a tale about pirates and other crew aboard the Good Ship Hispaniola, all of whom have their eyes set on buried treasure. From the rolling sea bubbling underneath the ship as tensions escalate to the rolling hills of Wensleydale occupying the thoughts of the crazy inhabitant Benjamin Gunn on the island, Treasure Island truly had something for every audience member. There was even a whole scene dedicated solely to cheese! If that's not assortment, what is? The crew consisted of a traditional captain accompanied by his female advisors, an innocent cabin boy, good pirates, not-so-good pirates, a half-man half-dog creature played by Dr. Mahin, and plenty of audience participation. Whether you rooted for those who spliced the main sail or those who desired to slice mainly throats, the voyage to Treasure Island was one of pure adventure.

By: Lucy Zheng



Spirit Afternoon

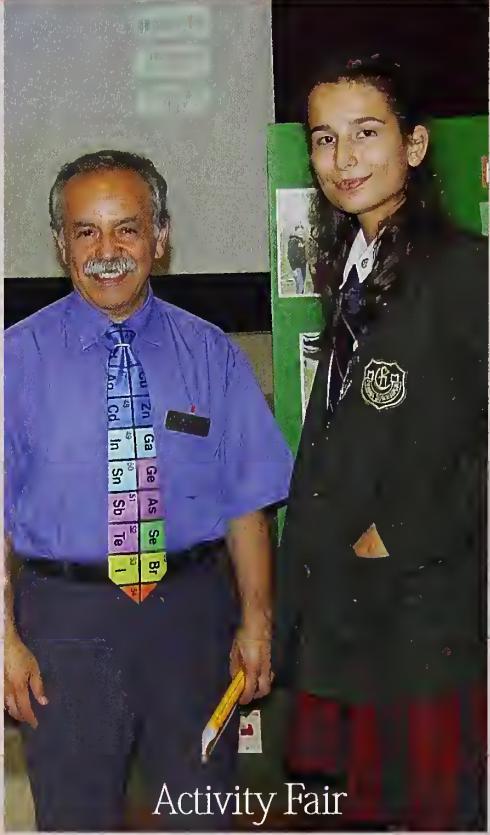


September

Run for the Cure Bake Sale



Activity Fair



Activity Fair



Activity Fair



September 2008 was Wellness month. Fun events took place to start off the year, such as the Activity Fair, the Welcome Back BBQ, Grade 9 Orientation, Run for the Cure BBQ, Spirit Afternoon and the Grade 5 trip to Parliament and Y Camp.

Assembly



Wellness Month



Terry Fox Jr. School Run



Grade 5 trip to the Y Camp

Grade 9 - Duke of Edinburgh Bon Echo Hiking Trip



October 15th Assembly



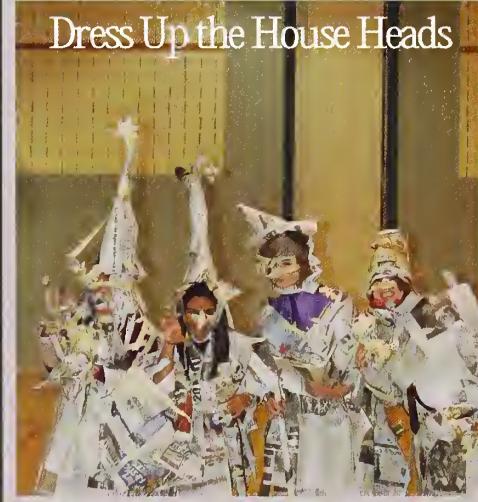
Grade 6 - Aboriginal Village



Pink Accessory Day

October

Dress Up the House Heads



Grandparents' Day



Grandparents' Day

Grade 10 - Quebec City



Grade 11 - Leadership Camp



October 29th Assembly

October was a month filled with fun events. All the middle school and senior school students went on grade trips. Run for the Cure, Pink Accessory Day and Grandparent's Day also took place. To finish off the month, we had a week full of activities for Warm Clothing and Food Drive as well as Halloween. It was a great month and the girls had a lot of school spirit.



Run for the Cure



Grade 7 - Montreal

Citizenship Month



Halloween



Halloween



6 and 9 Pancake Breakfast



Pumpkin Carving



Halloween



Henna



Math Morning



Geography skit



Assembly in the big school

November



International Night



International Night



Nightingale Breakfast



Student v.s. Teacher Basketball Game

November was a fun-filled month with amazing (and delicious) events such as International Night and Nightingale Breakfast. The spirit and pride of the students' identities was truly reflected in International Month. At an assembly, the grade nine geography class, presented a skit out reducing paper usage. Elmwood students were encouraged to change their habits. Teachers and students competed in a fun basketball challenge (the teachers won by a few points). Senior students went to Model UN in Montreal and our middle school choir sang at a War Memorial special presentation with a song written by Mr. Gummesson.



Model UN



Nightingale Assembly

International Month



Remembrance Day

Nightingale Breakfast



War Memorial Concert

Middle School Musical



Christmas Hampers

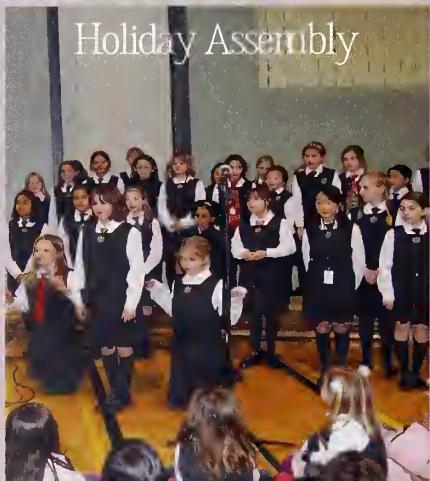


Holiday Assembly

December



Holiday Assembly



December was Community Month - a perfect title for a season full of celebrations and generous spirit. Home-mums and SLG's put together Holiday hampers for Ottawa families in need. Music from the Junior, Middle and Senior school concerts filled the school with cheer followed by Holiday Madness and the Holiday Assembly.



Junior School "Sing in the Park"

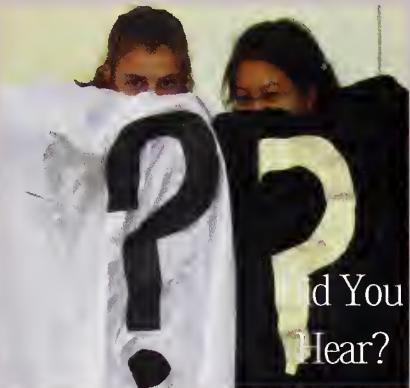
Community Month

Holiday Concert



Holiday Madness





January



January, also known as Spirit Month here in the Wood, was a fantastical way to shake off the winter blues! Fun Fairytale Frenzy kicked off Spirit week, followed by Jungle Jam, Neon Brights and Flashy Tights Day, Pyjama Day, and Ski day brought up the rear. Elmwood girls enjoyed the winter weather with the Duke of Ed Silver Dogsledding trip and the Grade 6 trip to MacSkimming. However, the month wasn't all fun and games - Senior students could be seen preparing (or cramming) for their Semester 1 exams on January 20th.



Fun Fairytale Frenzy

Spirit Month



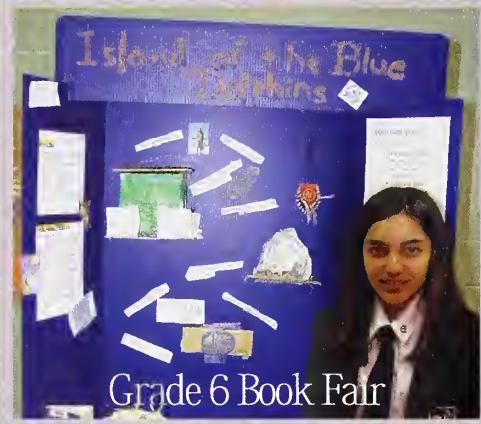
Neon Brights and Flashy Tights



Middle School Winter Fun Day



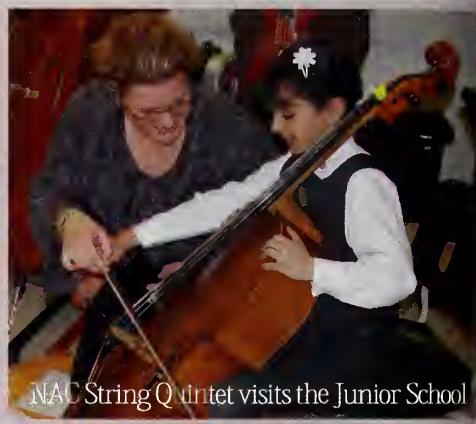
Black History Month Guest Speakers



Grade 6 Book Fair



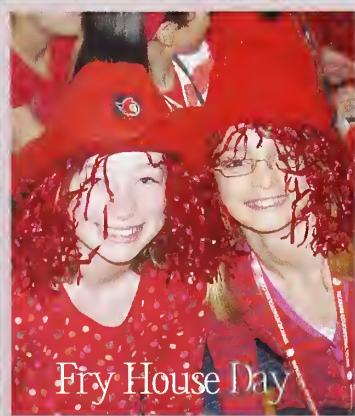
Viennese Ball



NAC String Quintet visits the Junior School

February

Black History Month



Fry House Day

February was quite a memorable month with the successful Fry Skating party and Black History Month activities. Later, girls got dressed up to the nines at the Starry Night Father Daughter Dinner Dance.



Fry Skating Party





Father Daughter Dinner Dance





Airbands



Green Team



Project Change

March/April

Environmental Month



Epilepsy Awareness



CAIS Leadership Conference



Wilson Carnival



Grade 6 French - Bon Appétit

White Elephant Sale



March, April, and May seem to be the quickest months of the year, but they are certainly the most jam-packed! We've been working hard in class, but our school spirit is working even harder! March was busy with the play and Change for the Cure. In April, Elmwood girls celebrated Semaine de la Francophonie and partied at the Wilson Carnival. In May, Middle and Senior Girls rocked out at the Spring Concert and Spirit afternoon ended the year with a BANG!



May Arts / Athletics Month



Co-cur



It takes a great deal of courage to stand up to your enemies, but even more to stand up to your friends.

J.K. Rowling

'icular



Chess Club



Sydney Healy, Rutaaba Fasih, Iman Abdulla, Haigann Fevrier-President, Jessyca Morgan, Jenny McCracken, Helen Hume, Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Iman Abdulla, Sarah-Mariah Khoumsi, Mi Yen Ho, Fatema Jarrud.

Science Club / Robotics



Alex Blackadar, Eva Sabine, Binta Goodridge, Bronte Assadzadeh, Julia Robinson, Jessyca Morgan, Jenny McCracken, Kyra Ling-Jay, Allegra Richter, Cailin Craigen, Hoda Darwish, Julia Crystal, Chloé Bonnet, Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Rebecca Seward-Langdon, Alex Parizeau, Samantha Thompson-Spence, Victoria Bolitho, Chloe Lucas, Meera Singla, Teacher Supervisor: Roger Adams.

Math Morning



3:26 Club



Zainah Al-Dafiri, Rawad Al-Rashidi, Yara Al-Rashidi, Alexandra Angell, Ally Blackadar, Alexandra Boushey, Emma Boushey, Mackenzie Cooper, Hannah Dolhai, Chantalia Fevrier-President, Haigann Fevrier-President, Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Binta Goodridge, Lauren Jane Hudson, Helen Hume, Fatema Jarrud, Kyra Ling-Jay, Genevieve Laberge, Margaret Nelson, Hope Rikhtegar, Eva Sabine, Paige Saravananutto, Yasmin Shamji, Sophia Swettenham, Zara Macintosh, Lily Bond, Iman Abdulla, Sophie Avisar, Sarah-Mariah Khoumsi, Julia Robinson, Jenny McCracken, Callin Craigen, Samanthy Thompson-Spence, Claire Murray, Sarah Murray
Teacher: Kate Meadowcroft.

Volunteers: Michelle Le, Claire Avisar, Tatiana Duncan, Arielle Lavallée, Asla Al-Dafiri, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Katya Duncan, Samantha Fonberg, Emma Dolhai, Raghad Al-Rashid, Irene Wight, Samantha Fetter, Laura Kiko Haebe, Kelly O'Connor, Nimrat Obhi, Alicia Leung, Anais Poupart, Natasha Duncan, Bronwyn Thomson, Raisa Patel, Sara Bastianelli, Sam Healy, Justine Beaulé, Nadege Ross, Ras-Jeevan Obhi, Lucy Zheng, Fatima Zaidi.



Birch Bark Shakespeare



Alexandra Angell, Samantha Thompson-Spence, Quinn Healy, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Nikki Denison, Meredith Wilson-Smith, Brooke Mierins, Hannah Dolhai, Alex Parizeau, Chloe Lucas, Victoria Bolitho, Genevieve Laberge, Teacher Supervisor: Kate Angell.



Cailin Craigen, Helen Hume, Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Cynthia Sedlezky, Allegra Richter, Rachel Kamel, Sophia Swettenham, Karina Wang, Mi Yen Ho, Alex Angell, Hanna Warith, Alex Parizeau, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Nikki Denison, Meera Singla, Meredith Wilson-Smith, Margaret Nelson, Victoria Bolitho, Laura Douglas, Quinn Healy, Brooke Mierins, Genevieve Laberge, Teacher Supervisor: Christine Blackadar.



Student Council Backstage



Margaret Nelson, Nikki Denison, Meera Singla, Meredith Wilson-Smith, Laura Douglas, Genevieve Laberge, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Alex Angell, Brooke Mierins, Rebecca Seward-Langdon, Chloe Lucas, Quinn Healy, Hannah Dolhai, Victoria Bolitho, Hanna Warith, Samantha Thompson-Spence, Alex Parizeau, Teacher Supervisor: Carolyn Wakeham.

Soccer



Bethany Fitch, Binta Goodridge, Brianna Trudel, Brooke Mierins, Chloé Bonnet, Cynthia Sedlezky, Emily Haebe, Eva Sabine, Hanna Varith, Helen Hume, Hoda Darwish, Hope Rikhtegar, Iman Abdulla, Jessyca Morgan, Laura Douglas, Meera Singla, Mi Yen Ho, Sarah Murray, Sarah Vickers, Sarah-Mariah Khoumsi, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Teacher Supervisor: Gail Gavan



Swimming



Chime Choir

Drums, Etc.



Sarah Murray, Sarah-Mariah Khourssi, Binta Goodridge, Bronte Assadzadeh, Ava Mierins, Mallory Fung Kee Fung, Ciara Halloran, Mi Yen Ho, Hoda Darwish, Nikki Denison, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Sarah Vickers, Cailin Craigen, Helen Hume, Meera Singla, Alex Blackadar, Hope Rikhtegar, Sophia Swetterham, Director: Cathy Wiley.



Julia Brazeau, Sijyl Fasih, Julia Crystal, Mi Yen Ho, Margaret Nelson, Meera Singlam, Meredith Wilson-Smith, Genevieve Laberge, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Alex Angell, Brooke Mierins, Chloe Lucas, Victoria Bolitho, Laura Douglas, Director: Evelyn Pike.



Dance Club

Ballet



Choir



Iwanis Choir: Allison Sedlezky, Zara Macintosh, Ulachi Eboe-Osuji, Iman Abdulla, Emma Boushey, Haigann Fevrier-President, Bethany Fitch, Saskia Griffiths, Emily Haebe, Fatema Jarrud, Noelle Lindgren, Ashton Yau, Sophia Avisar, Jessyca Morgan, Jenny McCracken, Chloé Bonnet, Julia Brazeau, Cailin Craigen, Julia Crystal, Choir Director: Evelyn Pike.

Arts and Crafts



The Tattlers should be proud of the final issue they have succeeded to build and piece together, because they have been working wonderfully and diligently over the past year. It is my hope that next year, they continue to write and develop their creative genius. I know I am not only speaking on my behalf when I say that I have enjoyed working with such an animated group of people. (Raisa Patel, co-editor 08-09)

It has been a pleasure to work with such a devoted and enthusiastic group. Now that the weight of looming deadlines has been lifted, I hope that everyone will kick back, relax, and enjoy the summer. A special mention to those devoted Tartan Tattler readers for without you, there would be no newspaper. (Emily Kitagawa, co-editor 08-09)

I have been very lucky to work together with the two best possible co-editors I could have imagined; Emily and Raisa, thank you for all your support, ingenuousness, and unrelenting cooperation. M. Huot, merci beaucoup pour offrir votre temps et le savoir-faire d'un vrai journaliste. It has been a pleasure and unique learning experience to lead this small and remarkable group of writers and contribute to those final stages that bring you, valued readers, a newspaper packed with diverse articles, written, edited, and published by the students for the students. (Sarah Dost, co-editor 08-09)

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Joanna Schembri, Shrutee Sardana, Sophia Dhalla, Lucy Zheng, Victoria Coo, Sara Bastianelli, Frances Schembri, Rina Halili, Anne-Marie Wilson, Alex Scheller, Meagan Cork, Nneka Nnagbo, Maddie Cwile, Noushig Kadian, Emily Kitagawa, Raisa Patel, Sarah Dost, Teacher Supervisor: Christian Huot



Middle Book Club

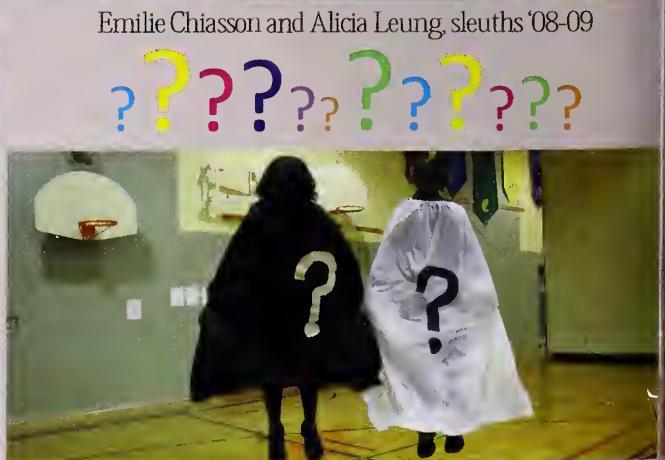
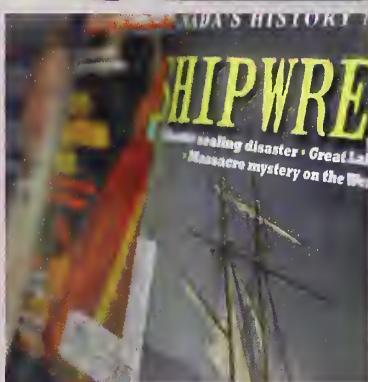


Meghan Demerchant, Dina Ahmed, Pallavi Ganguli, Jessica Thompson Spence, Tannya Cai, Sarah Beltrame, Teacher Supervisor: Carol Clubine.

Did You Hear



Emilie Chiasson and Alicia Leung, sleuths '08-09



Classics Club



It's a Kingly Act to Help Those Who Fall; The Gift is Still Precious, Though It Be Small.



Alison Miller, Emily Bain, Stephane Chapman, Alison Jamieson, Emily Soussana, Maya Wilson, Isabel McCarten, Shannon Christie, Erin Chapman, Sacha Arsenau, Anais Poupart, Naomi Rath, Noor Darwish, Sarah Rack, Sarah Beltrame, Ping Ping Lu, Sean Healy, Ariellee, Mel Greenley, Jessica Thompson-Spence, Teacher Supervisor: Elizabeth Ellison and Annette Rossiter.

Amnesty International / Help Lesotho



Becky Savic, Emily Featherstone, Elif Bilgic, Aarti Singla, Anuja Sinha, Lucy Robert, Mak Ngwenya, Sara Bastianelli, Raisa Patel, Anne Marie Wilson, Madeline Burnatowski, Alsa Al-Dafiri, Meagan Cork, Claire Racette, Ally Brown, Jessica Edwards, Siham El Rayes, Bronwyn Thomson, Anisha Dhalla, Sandy Kechichian, Juliet Carigianis, Tannya Cai, Cessen Kidane, Victoria Bonar, Sophia Dhalla, Katrine Vatne, Samantha Fonberg, Pascale Ro, Brianna Taylor, Linnea Pauls, Alicia Bartlett, Teacher Supervisor: Natalie Moses.



International Cultures Club



Saumya Saxena, Kate Lysenko, Sonya Wadhera, Joanna Znotins, Chiyuki Asai, Nadege Ro, Nishka Stubbs, Shruti Sardana, Marcela Ferro, Alex Scheller, Sadaf Salehi, Yasmin Salehi, Alexa Murray, Emily Kitagawa, Pooja Deljur, Nancy Do, Ray Al-Rashidi. Teacher Supervisor: Malek Purran



Science Club / Science Olympics



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lle Holden-Lathlin, Alicia
ng, Genevieve McSpaden,
ckenzie Shaheen, Emily
ssana, Marina Tannis,
t Vincent, Teacher Super-
r. Julie Boyd.

Chinese Chess / Chess Club

éérie Touchette-Mosley, Alicia Leung, Madison Norton, Anais
part, Kim Godin, Rebecca Godin, Daphnée Tosoni, Sarah Malouf,
yuki Asai, Marina Tannis, Samantha Fetter, Meghan
lerchant, Maddie Carwile, Isabel McCarten, Gillian McCracken,
Kie Carwile, Emily Soussana, Victoria Bonar, Nadege Ross, Sadaf
Sahi, Teacher Supervisors: Christian Huot, Albert Soussana,
Poline Rubath.



Screen Team



Katie Carwile, Laura Haebe, Emily Soussana, Maya Wilson, Grace Crolla, Tania Aussant, Julia Cork, Jordana Polisuk, Mikayla Payant, Rebecca Robinson, Charlotte Murfin, Teacher Supervisor: Andrea Kelly.

Model UN



Nadine Batchasingh, Juliet Caraganis, Emilie Chiasson, Sophia Dhalla, Rina Halili, Noushig Kadian, Danika Leminski, Alexa Murray, Kelly O'Connor, Saum Saxena, Aarti Singla, Bronwyn Thomson, Sabrina Villeneuve, Sonya Wadhra, Lucy Zheng. Teacher Supervisor: Jessica Gras

Middle and Senior House Council



Alice Bifield, Juliet Caragianis, Emilie Chiasson, Erin Chapman, Meaghan Clarkin, Taylor Cuconato, Anisha Dhallia, Samantha Fonberg, Sarah Frodsham, Shayla Kelly, Sahar Salari, Priya Wadhera, Daphne Wallace, Ally Brown, Teacher Supervisor: Andrea Kelly.

Athletics Council



Cristina Lima, Claire Racette, Megan Cork, Sandy Kechichian, Fregine Sheehy, Katrine Vatne, Andrea Lessard, Courtney Peters, Linnea Pauls, Alex Vincent, Maddy Burnatowski, Teacher Supervisor: Brenda Neale.

Arts Council



Sarah Dost, Emily Kitagawa, Kelly O'Connor, Nimrat Obhi, Lucy Zheng, Francesca Schembri, Ping Ping Lu, Ras-Jeevan Obhi, Alex Scheller, Maka Ngwenya, Noushig Kadian, Teacher Supervisor: Laura Schwarzkopf.



Cappies Critics



(left to right) Sarah Dost (lead critic), Emily Kitagawa, Noushig Kadian, Daniika Leminski, Siham El Rayes, Saurnya Saxena, Victoria Bonar, Hayley Kelly, Sarah Pullen, Teacher Supervisors: Angela Boychuk, Elska Malek.

The St. Mark Players handled the heavy subject material with grace and poise and captured a wide range of emotions, all the while sensitive and aware of the magnitude of the play's message. The carefree mood of a group of unassuming watch-dial painters would soon be shattered as illness sets in. Arthur Roeder was played by Ken Wallingford. As a watch salesman for the corporation, Wallingford's character was a firm believer in the glow-in-the-dark qualities and healing properties of radium. When he discovered that the product he had been endorsing for so long could be fatal, Wallingford was able to show the guilt and anguish of his character, a cloud of despair hanging over his head.

- review by Emily Kitagawa on St. Mark's production of Radium Girl

The entire story was narrated by Officer Lockstock (Sam Toews), a cop responsible for enforcing the absurd rule of law. Toews' performance was sheer comedic brilliance. The performance also succeeded in executing technical elements. Lighting and sound cues were on the mark. Spotlights were used often with great dramatic effect. The successful combination of these technical aspects with solid acting performances and strong vocals in Merivale's production brought a professional level of polish to its grimy subject matter.

- review by Victoria Bonar on Merivale's production of Urinetown

Art Club



Senior Choir



Alexandra Ostaszewski, Emma Dolhai, Noushig Kadian, Fregine Sheehy, Danika Leminski, Julia Bootsma, Shannon Currie, Sarah Arseneau, Nimrat Obhi, Kelly O'Connor, Gillian McCracken, Eliza Fetter, Samantha Fetter, Lilith Dost, Sarah Dost, Rina Halili, Sacha Arseneau, Sarah Arseneau, Yami Cabrera Cerbantes, Xiaoying Liu, Ingrid Bredberg, Choir Director: Evelyn Pike.

Honour Band



Alex Nguyen, Alex Vincent, Alexandra Scheller, Alicia Leung, Anuja Sinha, Chan Park, Claire Raoette, Emilie Chiasson, Francesca Schembri, Irena Wight, Julia Bootsma, Katrine Askim Vatne, Kelly O'Connor, Laura Haebe, Linnea Pauls, Maddie Carwile, Marina Tannis, Nimrat Obhi, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Valerie Touchette-Mosley, Gillian McCracken, Tannya Cai, Ping Ping Lui, Eliza Fetter, Music Director: Nicolas Gummesson.

String Ensemble



Sarah Arseneau, Chiyuki Asai, Brianna Taylor, Strings Director: Micheline.

Jazz Ensemble



Sarah Arseneau, Nimrat Obhi, Kelly O'Connor, Irena Wight, Frencesca Schembri, Julia Bootsma, Emilie Chiasson, Claire Racette, Katrine Vatne, Alex Scheller, Music Director: Nicolas Gummesson.

Bronze 2 Day Hiking



Silver 3 Day Dogsledding



Gold 4 Day Whitewater Canoeing



The goal of life is to grow. The adventure of life is to learn



The challenge of life is to overcome. - William Arthur Ward



Sports

You have to have confidence in your ability, and then be tough enough to follow through.

Rosalynn Carter



Cross Country



Middle Cross Country Team: Zoya Ehsan, Olivia Doherty, Victoria Murray, Celina Gilligan, Emily Geddes, Maggie Campbell, Chloe Forgie-Williams, Priyanka Goel, Valerie Sedlezky, Casey Cooper, Olivia Zed, Sam Healey, Tania Aussant, Noor Darwish, Grace Crolla, Tatiana Teevens, Suzanne Geerts, Coach: Erin Mulcahy.



Senior Cross Country Team: Sabrina Blier, Victoria Bonar, Emma Brownlie, Madeline Carwile, Sarah Frodsham, Shrutee Sardana, Alexandra Scheller, Francesca Schiembri, Coaches Kyla Cavanagh, Brenlee Claman.

Field Hockey



Nadine Batchasingh, Alexandra Brown, Julia Canning, Taylor Cuccanato, Jessica Edwards, Shilpa Goel, Emily Guenther, Alyssa Hartvich, Sandy Kechichian, Shayla Kelly, Andrea Lessard, Cristina Lima, Loredana Lima, Jordon Norcott, Linnea Pauls, Ruthanne Rath, Pascale Ross, Rachel Selwyn, Marina Tannis, Daphnée Tosoni, Alexandra Vincent, Daphne Wallace, Lucy Zheng, Coaches: Elska Malek, Nadine Delanghe



Volleyball



Grade 6 Team: Claire Avisar, Justine Beaule, Alana Bobra, Larissa Bobra, Sophia Caragianis, Olivia Doherty, Tatianna Duncan, Rachel McGinn, Michaela Kainz Potter, Michelle Le, Sarah Miller, Jenna Moledina, Victoria Murray, Sarah Peters, Hanna Sanders, Shea Timmins, Paige Tremblay, Coaches: Cheryl Tweedie, Nadine Delanghe



Grade 7/8 Team: Alexa Naccarato, Alyssa Shenassa, Ashley Moore, Casey Cooper, Danielle Poleski, Daron Richardson, Julia Cork, Lauren Matthews, Lindsay Brandys, Sabrina Alsaffar, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Tatiana Teevens, Amelia Von Fickenstein, Chloe Forgie-Williams, Cindy Wu, Courtney Townsend, Danica Bateman, Elaine Liang, Gigi Nguyen, Joa Hoshizaki, Katia Tawagi, Maki Shiriniz, Megan McCinn, Priyanka Goel, Valerie Sedlezky, Coaches: Erin Derbyshire, Meagan Cork, Juliet Caragianis



Junior Team: Alex Vincent, Alice Bifield, Alyssa Hartvich, Andrea Lessard, Chiayuki Asai, Claire Racette, Courtney Peters, Meaghan Clarkin, Pascale Ross, Priya Wadhera, Rebeca Teague, Sahar Salari, Sam Peters, Sarah Frodsham, Coach: Erin Derbyshire.



Senior Team: Juliet Caragianis, Emilie Chiasson, Julia Churchill-Smith, Meagan Cork, Jessica Edwards, Sandy Kechichian, Shayla Kelly, Lore Lima, Ruthanne Rath, Nadege Ross, Daphne Wallace, Coach: Brenda Neale.

Basketball



Grade 5/6 Team: Alex Angel, Alana Bobra, Sophia Caragianis, Nicola Denison, Olivia Doherty, Laura Douglas, Zoya Ehsan, McKenzie Gowie, Quinn Healy, Michaela Kainz-Potter, Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Chloe Lucas, Brooke Mierins, Alex Perizeau, Sarah Peters, Hanna Sanders, Rebecca Seward-Langdon, Shea Timmins, Paige Tremblay, Meredith Wilson-Smith, Coaches: Emilie Chiasson, Alice Bifield, Jessica Grass.



Grade 7/8 Team: Rebecca Boucher, Sarah Clarke, Julia Cork, Katie Doherty, Suzanne Geerts, Emily Groper, Arriera Moledina, Courtney Mulock, Priya Muradia, Gigi Nguyen, Daron Richardson, Selena Saikaley, Alyssa Shenassa, Coaches: Emilie Chiasson, Meagan Cork, Kathryn Barr.



Senior Team: Alice Bifield, Madeline Burnatowski, Juliet Caragianis, Emilie Chiasson, Meagan Cork, Courtney Peters, Samantha Peters, Claire Racette, Fregine Sheehy, Katrine Vatne, Coaches: Mike Bew, Kathryn Barr.

Golf



Sarah Malouf, Alexa Murray, Marina Tannis, Coach: Brenda Neale.

Ski / Snowboard



Snowboard: Alicia Bartlett, Natasha Duncan, Jessica Edwards, Madison Ellas, Coach: Elska Malek.



Ski: Sabrina Assaly, Victoria Bonar, Grace Crolla, Allie Hodgson, Cristina Lima, Alexandria Nguyen, Nimrat Obhi, Caitlin Rogers, Joanna Znotins, Coach: Andrea Kelly.

Rugby



Sandy Kechichian, Anna Lessard, Alice Bifield, Juliet Caragianis, Allie Hodgson, Taylor Cuonato, Sarah Frodsham, Samantha Fonberg, Elif Bilgic, Shilpa Goel, Julia Canning, Cristina Lima, Julia Churchill-Smith, Courtney Peters, Sahar Salari, Sarah Maiouf, Madeline Burnatowski, Alexandra Vincent, Nimrat Obhi, Ruthanne Rath, Linnea Pauls, Jordon Norcott, Samantha Peters. Coaches: Erin Derbyshire, Jessica Grass, Tom Tuszyński.



Touch Rugby



Julia Cork, Alex Nguyen, Danielle Poleski, Ivy Bregman, Courtney Mulock, Gigi Nguyen, Alexa Naccarah, Elaine Zhang, Laura Di Girolamo, Ernly Geddes, Rebecca Boucher, Tannya Cai, Olivia Zed, Ameera Moledina, Brynley Hanson-Wright, Alyssa Shanassa, Joa Hoshizaki, Merrin Lalonde, Ella Berman, Sabrina Assaly, Sabrina Alsaffar, Arielle Lavallée, Mariah Whitney, Sarah Clarke, Emily Groper, Amelia von Finkenstein, Ashley Moore, Stefanie Oppenheimer, Sarah Melloul, Vicky Coo, Julia Davis, Melissa Yelle, Noor Darwish, Megan Skippen, Selena Saikaley, Priya Muradia, Katia Tawagi, Marissa Frodsham, Celina Gillian, Maggie Campbell, Coaches: Erin Derbyshire, Maddy Burnatowski, Sandy Kechichian, Julia Caragianis, Jen Fuller.



Badminton



Grade 5/6 Team: Laura Douglas, Rebecca Seward-Langdon, Nikki Denison, Alex Parizeau, Brooke Mierins, Alex Angell, Claire Avisar, Shea Timmins, Rachel McGinn, McKenzie Gowie, Paige Tremblay, Sophia Caragianis, Hanna Sanders, Abigail Oak, Ras-Jeevan Obhi, Sarah Peters, Olivia Doherty, Jenna Moledina, Coaches Cheryl Tweedie, Nadine Delanghe.



Grade 7/8 Team: Julia Davis, Sarah Seward-Langdon, Alex Nguyen, Sabrina Alsaffar, Julia Cork, Suzanna Geerts, Noor Darwish, Ping Ping Lu, Sofia Virri, Arielle Lavallee, Maki Shimizu, Elaine Zhang, Joa Hoshizak, Brinley Hanson-Wright, Coaches: Greta Bradley, Valérie Touchette-Mosley



Junior Team: Yasmin Salehi, Alexandra Scheller, Chiyuki Asai, Francesca Schembri, Joanna Znotins, Coach: Claire Glazier



Senior Team: Bronwyn Thomson, Valérie Touchette-Mosley, Xiaoying Liu, Alicia Leung, Coach: Claire Glazier

Soccer



Grade 5/6 Team: Alana Bobra, Sophia Caragianis, Olivia Doherty, Laura Douglas, Quinn Healey, Rachel McGinn, Jenna Moledina, Abby Oak, Sarah Peters, Hanna Sanders, Rebecca Seward-Langdon, Shea Timmins, Hanna Warith. Coaches: Cheryl Tweedie, Chandra Wiegand.



Varsity Team: Alicia Bartlett, Emilie Chiasson, Meagan Cork, Sophia Dhalla, Jessica Edwards, Alyssa Hartvich, Shayla Kelly, Alicia Leung, Claire Racette, Francesca Schembri, Marina Tannis, Rebecca Teague, Katrine Vatne, Daphne Wallace, Joanna Znotins, Coach: Nicolas Gummesson, Assistant Coach: Fregine Sheehy.

Tennis



Francesca Schembri, Joanna Znotins, Chiyuki Asai, Naomi Rath, Marcela Ferro, Joanna Schembri, Bronwyn Thomson, Anne Marie Wilson, Coach Jessica Grass

Track and Field



Middle School Sports Assembly



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| 5/6 Basketball MVP | Sophia Caragianis |
| MSP | Paige Tremblay |
| 5/6 Soccer MVP | Hanna Sanders |
| MSP | Sarah Peters |
| 7/8 Soccer MVP | Julia Davis |
| MSP | Selena Saikaley |
| 6-8 Cross Country MVP | Victoria Murray |
| MSP | Zoya Ehsan |
| 5/6 Volleyball MVP | Jenna Moledina |
| MSP | Olivia Doherty |
| 7/8 Volleyball MVP | Julia Cork |
| MSP | Sabrina Alsaffar |
| 5/6 Badminton MSP | Ras-Jeevan Obhi, Laura Douglas |
| 7/8 Badminton MVP | Julia Davis |
| MSP | Sarah Seward-Langdon |
| 8 Handball MVP | Suzanne Geerts |
| MSP | PingPing Lu |
| 7/8 Touch Rugby MVP | Danielle Poleski, Sabrina Asslay, Julia Davis, Emily Groper |
| 6-8 Cross Country MSP | Victoria Murray, Zoya Ehsan |
| Ultimate MVP | Megan McGinn |
| MSP | Olivia Casaramona |



Senior School Sports Banquet



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| Badminton MVP | Chiyuki Asai, Alicia Leung, Valérie Touchette-Mosley |
| Basketball MVP | Emilie Chiasson, Meagan Cork |
| Cross Country MVP | Francesca Schembri |
| MSP | Alex Scheller |
| Downhill Skiing MVP | Crissi Lima |
| MSP | Bronwyn Thomson |
| Field Hockey MVP | Sandy Kechichian, Alex Vincent |
| MSP | Ally Brown |
| Golf MVP | Alexa Murray |
| MSP | Marina Tannis |
| Rugby MVP | Sandy Kechichian, Ruthanne Rath |
| MSP | Sarah Frodsham |
| Soccer MVP | Emilie Chiasson |
| Tennis MVP | Bronwyn Thomson |
| MSP | Chiyuki Asai |
| Track and Field MVP | Katrine Vatne |
| Jr. Volleyball MVP | Andrea Lessard |
| MSP | Sahar Salari |
| Sr. Volleyball MVP | Meagan Cork, Sandy Kechichian |
| MSP | Lore Lima |
| Elite Athlete Award | Sandy Kechichian |
| Green Form Drill Cup | Grade 11 |
| Physical Education Award | Madison Ellas |
| Sports Captain Award | Maddy Burnatowski |
| Maynard Sportsmanship Cup | Meagan Cork, Maddy Burnatowski |
| Dunlop Intermediate Sports Cup | Juliet Caragianis, Andrea Lessard |
| Wilson Sports Cup | Sandy Kechichian, Ruthanne Rath |
| Leadership Awards | Maddy Burnatowski, Juliet Caragianis, Sandy Kechichian, Meagan Cork, Emilie Chiasson, Alice Bifield, Valérie Touchette-Mosley |



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Junior School Closing Ceremonies

Parents and Friends Association Award Hannah Dolhai

GRADE 4 ACADEMIC AWARDS

Overall Outstanding Effort and Achievement Sarah Vickers

Maclean Prize for Proficiency in English Literature.....

Alexandra Angell

Fibonacci Mathematics Contest.....

Cynthia Sedlezky, Alexandra Angell, Victoria Bolitho

GRADE 5 ACADEMIC AWARDS

English Laura Douglas

Information Studies Alexandra Parizeau

Mathematics Chloe Lucas

French Meera Singla

Physical/Health Education Rebecca Seward-Langdon

Music Alexandra Angell

Emerald "E" Award.....

Alexandra Angell, Victoria Bolitho, Nicola Denison,

Hannah Dolhai, Laura Douglas, Quinn Healy,

Tennyson Kainz-Potter, Geneviève Laberge, Chloe Lucas,

Brooke Mierins, Margaret Nelson, Alexandra Parizeau,

Rebecca Seward-Langdon, Meera Singla, Samantha Thompson-

Spence, Hanna Warith, Meredith Wilson-Smith.

Overall Outstanding Effort and Achievement.....

Meredith Wilson-Smith



Middle School Closing Ceremonies

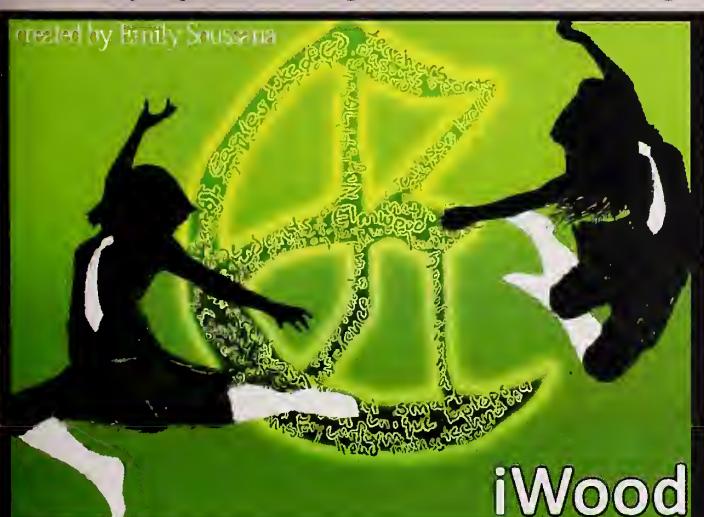
GRADE 6 ACADEMIC AWARDS

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| Art, Core French and Humanities | Maria Virri |
| English, Humanités, Mathematics, Mandarin and Technology | Zakiya Abdullah |
| Enriched French | Justine Beaulé |
| Music | Victoria Murray |
| Physical and Health Education | Hanna Sanders |
| Science | Ras-Jeeven Obhi |
| Spanish | Sarah Peters |
| Overall Effort and Progress | Victoria Murray |
| Overall Academic Excellence | Zakiya Abdullah, Maria Virri, Olivia Doherty |

GRADE 7 ACADEMIC AWARDS

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| Art, Physical and Health Education and Science | Brynley Hanson-Wright |
| English | Victoria Coo |
| Core French | Priya Muradia |
| Enriched French, Mathematics, Spanish and Humanités | Pallavi Ganguli |
| Humanities | Maggie Campbell |
| Mandarin | Cindy Wu |
| Music | Eliza Fetter |
| Technology | Lilith Dost |
| McDonald Cup for Math Effort and Progress | Zoe Wallace |
| Schultz Prize for Effort and Progress | Morgan Guimaraes |
| Overall Academic Excellence | Brynley Hanson-Wright, Victoria Coo, Pallavi Ganguli |

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GRADE 8 ACADEMIC AWARDS

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| Core French and Physical and Health Education | Katherine Doherty |
| Humanities | Lauren Mathews |
| Science | Ameera Moledina |
| Comprehensive Arts (ALC10), Enriched French, Humanités, Mandarin, Spanish, Mathematics, and Integrated Technology (TTI10) | Tannya Cai |
| Nancy Chance Prize for English | Samantha Healy |
| Overall Academic Excellence | Tannya Cai, Grace Crolla, Ameera Moledina |

Laidler Cup Tannya Cai
Awarded to the girl who, not necessarily the highest in the form in studies or sports, has made her mark in the Middle School by her good character and expendability. It is given to the girl who can be relied upon at any time and is always helpful and thoughtful of others.

Southam Cup Grace Crolla
Awarded for the highest endeavour in all phases of school life in the Middle School. It is the equivalent of the Summa Summarum in the Senior School. It is given to the girl who best lives up to the ideals of Elmwood, who shows leadership, friendliness, and helpfulness to others in the school.

Parents & Friends Association Committee Award Courtney Townsend
Presented to the student who has demonstrated through voluntary activity a sense of civic responsibility, a spirit of co-operation and a commitment to school life and the continued success of Elmwood.

Silver "E" Award
Awarded for the accumulation of 300 house points from Grades 6-8
Sabrina Alsaffar, Sabrina Assaly, Tannya Cai, Julia Cork,
Julia Davis, Suzanne Geerts, Ameera Moledina,
Alexandria Nguyen, Sarah Seward-Langdon

SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Rebecca Boucher, Tannya Cai, Julia Cork, Grace Crolla,
Ameera Moledina, Courtney Townsend



Senior School Closing Ceremonies

“ It is good to have an end to journey toward;
but it is the journey that matters, in the end. ”
- Ursula Le Guin

GRADE 9 ACADEMIC AWARDS

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| Dramatic Arts (ADA2O) | Erin Chapman |
| Music (AMU2O) | Claire Racette |
| Visual Arts (AVI1O) | Emily Featherstone |
| Spanish (LWSBD) | Katrine Vatne |
| Geography (CGC1D), English (ENG1D), French (FEF1D), Latin (LVLAD) and Science (SNC1D) | Francesca Schembri |
| French (FSF1D) and Principles of Mathematics (MPM1D) | Anisha Dhalla |
| Healthy Active Living (PPL1O) | Alice Bifield |
| Grace E. Knowlton Prize for Progress | Claire Racette |
| Fiona Nicolson Creativity Prize | Maka Ngwenya |
| Overall Academic Excellence | Francesca Schembri |
| The Margaret White Scholarship | Dianna Chen |
| The scholarship, funded by the family of the late Margaret White, former Headmistress, and supported by the Parents and Friends Association, provides full funding for the four years of secondary school to a student who can demonstrate excellence in Academic Achievement (particularly in Science and Technology), extra-curricular involvement, and community contribution. | |

GRADE 10 ACADEMIC AWARDS

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| Music (AMU3M) | Sarah Arseneau |
| Rothwell Prize for English (ENG2D) | Aarti Singla |
| History (CHC2D), Civics (CHV2O), and Principles of Mathematics (MPM2D) | Priya Wadhara |
| French (FEF2D) and Science (SNC2D) | Irena Wight |
| Healthy Active Living (PPL2O) | Alex Vincent |
| French (FSF2D) | Asia Oberle |
| Careers (GLC2O) and Chemistry (SCH3U) | Meaghan Clarkin |
| Overall Academic Excellence | Priya Wadhara |
| Outerbridge Cup for Senior Mathematics | Meaghan Clarkin |
| Awarded to a student who does not necessarily have the highest marks but who, through perseverance, determination and diligence has shown remarkable progress. | |

Golden "E" Award

Awarded for the accumulation of 400 house points from Grades 9-12

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| Sara Bastianelli, Ally Brown, Madeline Burnatowski, Stephanie Chapman, Emilie Chiasson, Meagan Cork, Sophia Dhalla, Sarah Dost, Shilpa Goel, Rina Halili, Noushig Kadian, Sandy Kechichian, Shayla Kelly, Emily Kitagawa, Danika Leminski, Alicia Leung, Geneviève McSpaden, Kelly O'Connor, Emily Soussana, Bronwyn Thomson and Lucy Zheng | |
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GRADE 11 ACADEMIC AWARDS

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| History (CHA3U), Philosophy (HZA3O), Biology (SBI3U) and Math - Advanced Functions (MHF4U) | Isabel McCarten |
| Economics (CIE3M) and English (ENG3U) | Victoria Bonar |
| Enriched French (FEF3U) and Functions (MCR3U) | Anais Poupart |
| Core French (FSF3U) | Nirmrat Obhi |
| Latin (LVLCU) Margaret Doetsch Cup | Maya Wilson |
| Healthy Active Living (PPL3O) | Shayla Kelly |
| Technology (TGJ3M) | Emily Soussana |
| Physics (SPH3U) | Kelly O'Connor |
| Chemistry (SCH4U) | Alicia Leung |
| Overall Academic Excellence | Isabel McCarten |
| Samara Editor's Award | Alicia Leung and Kelly O'Connor |
| Judy and Margot Toller Memorial Award | Shayla Kelly |
| Awarded to the student who best exemplifies the values and spirit of these alumnae - who lost their lives in a car accident caused by a drunk driver - with her warmth and caring, courtesy and respect, sense of humour, generosity in helping others, joy of life, determination to overcome obstacles, and acceptance of everyone, while demonstrating the ideals of leadership and friendship. | |

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| Wallack Art Award | Holly Rack |
| Awarded to the outstanding senior student whose sustained effort and consistently high standards have distinguished her in the field of Visual Art. | |

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| Sandra Sharpe "Sug" Award | Allie Hodgson |
| This award, inspired by an Elmwood alumna, Sandra Sharpe, recognizes a student in grade 11 or 12, who embodies the spirit and values of this loving, gracious and life-affirming former student. "Sug", a word Sandra often used when she found something or especially someone loveable, fun, interesting, amazing or exciting, best describes Sandra as well. Sandra cared deeply for those around her; she radiated love and positivity throughout her community; and she lived her short life with infectious joie de vivre. To honour her vibrant spirit, and to carry on her torch of life, we award the Sandra Sharpe "Sug" Award. | |

Old Girls' House Motto: Each house proposes a candidate who best exemplifies its motto. The final award is decided by vote of prefects and teachers.

NOMINEES:

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| Fry - Friendship for All | Lucy Zheng |
| Keller - Fair Play | Shayla Kelly |
| Nightingale - Not For Ourselves Alone | Rachel Selwyn |
| Wilson - To Give Ourselves & Never Count the Cost of Other's Greater Need | Daphne Wallace |

RECIPIENT - Shayla Kelly (Keller House)

GRADE 12 ACADEMIC AWARDS

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| Business Leadership (BOH4M) | Meagan Cork |
| Canadian/World Issues (CGW4U) and Music (AMU4M) | Julia Bootsma |
| Economics (CIA4U) and French (FEF4U) | Geneviève McSpaden |

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| French (FSF4U) | Sara Bastianelli | LB Diploma Candidates | Stephanie Chapman, Sarah Dost, |
| Studies in Literature (ETS4U) | Emily Kitigawa | Jessica Edwards, Geneviève McSpaden and Joanna Schembri | |
| Math - Data Management (MDM4U) | Joanna Schembri | Bruce Hicks Award for Public Service | Geneviève McSpaden |
| Math - Calculus & Vectors (MCV4U), Exercise Science (PSE4U), Biology (SBI4U) and Elizabeth Davis Prize for English (ENG4U) | Saumya Saxena | Mitchell Thomas Award | Bronwyn Thomson |
| University of Waterloo Euclid Math Contest School Champion Award | Saumya Saxena | A gift of books for the junior school made in the name of a senior student who has been helpful in the junior school. | |
| Physics (SPH4U) | Sophia Dhalla | Parents & Friends Association Committee Award | Bronwyn Thomson |
| Heacock Creativity Prize (AVI4M) and Whitwill History Prize (CHY4U) | Sarah Dost | Presented to the student who has demonstrated through voluntary activity a sense of civic responsibility, a spirit of co-operation and a commitment to school life and the continued success of Elmwood. | |
| Overall Academic Excellence | Saumya Saxena, Sophia Dhalla | Lieutenant Governor Community Volunteer Award | Shilpa Goel |
| Carolyn Strauss Poetry Award | Alison Miller | Great Yoi Honour Athlethic Award | Meagan Cork, Jessica Edwards, Sandy Kechichian, Ruthanne Rath and Bronwyn Thomson |
| McKee Fine Arts Cup | Noushig Kadian | Duke of Edinburgh Program Gold Award | Alicia Bartlett, Sara Bastianelli, Meagan Cork, Geneviève McSpaden, Joanna Schembri, Bronwyn Thomson |
| Theatre Award for Performance & Production | Stephanie Chapman | PREFECT AWARDS: | |
| Keary-Taylor Theatre Arts Prize | Emily Kitigawa | Admissions Prefect | Geneviève McSpaden |
| Awarded to a senior student who has distinguished herself academically and in her contributions to a major production. | | Arts Prefect | Noushig Kadian |
| Philpot Science Prize | Jessica Edwards | Junior School Prefect | Bronwyn Thomson |
| Presented to the graduating science student, who in the view of her science teachers, demonstrates a genuine interest in science through her powers of observation, inquisitiveness, analytic and abstract thought. Not simply given to the student who achieves the highest marks in science subjects. | | Middle School Prefect | Lore Lima |
| Mabel Dunlop Memorial Award | Sophia Dhalla, Bronwyn Thomson | Prefect at Large | Sonya Wadhera |
| This endowed award was established in 2007 by Katherine Ellis in memory of her mother, Mabel Dunlop '29. It is awarded in recognition of exemplary work with a humanitarian initiative that fosters compassion and understanding of other cultures. | | Sports Captain | Madeline Burnatowski |
| Linda McGregor Technology Award | Alison Jamieson | Head of Fry House | Sandy Kechichian |
| Given to the graduating student in the laptop program who, in the opinion of staff, exhibit not only exceptional proficiency in using technology, but has the willingness to share that expertise in the support of others. | | Head of Keller House | Ruthanne Rath |
| Governor General's Academic Medal | Saumya Saxena | Head of Nightingale House | Shilpa Goel |
| For the highest average based on all grade 11 and 12 courses taken. | | Head of Wilson House | Alison Miller |
| National Millennium Excellence Awards | Sophia Dhalla, Sonya Wadhera | House Cup for Overall Achievement in all Areas | Fry House |
| Created by the former Prime Minister Jean Chretien to recognize the leaders of today and tomorrow and to emphasize the importance of supporting their contributions to our country's future. Millennium excellence awards are not prizes for benchmark's achieved - they are investments in the development of exceptional individuals who will have long, productive careers and whose accomplishments will benefit Canada as a whole. | | Margaret White Cup | Meagan Cork |
| University of Toronto National Book Awards | Rina Halili, Saumya Saxena | Awarded to a student in her graduating year who has been at Elmwood since Grade 9 and has made an outstanding contribution to the extracurricular life of the school. | |
| Recognized and rewarded to the very best Canadian secondary school students, regardless of which university those students choose to attend. These are students who demonstrate superior academic performance, orginal and creative thought, and exceptional achievement in a broad context. They excel in academic pursuits, demonstrate enthusiasm for intellectual exploration and have a strong involvemnt in the lives of their schools and communities. | | All-Round Contribution to School Life | Ally Brown |
| | | Ewing Cup for Character | Sarah Dost |
| | | Head of School Prize | Joanna Schembri |
| | | Awarded to the girl, who though her actions and achievements, exemplifies Elmwood's values | |
| | | Philpot Token | Ally Brown |
| | | First awarded in 1934 by Elmwood's founder, Mrs. Hamlet Philpot, for cheerful help, loyal support and effective leadership throughout the school body this year. | |
| | | Summa Summarum | Sophia Dhalla |
| | | Awarded to the senior girl who has tried most faithfully to live up to the ideals and best traditions of the School and who possesses the qualities of integrity, trustworthiness, the spirit of comradeship and the capacity to achieve. The winner's name to be added to the illustrious list in the atrium. | |



The End... It's only the beginning.

What truly defines an Elmwood girl? What is it that sets her apart? I realized that an Elmwood girl is a student who doesn't just wear her uniform to school every day. She also wears a smile that almost contagiously spreads through the halls, and when you see it, you know that it's going to be another great day. An Elmwood girl doesn't just carry her textbooks from one class to another; she carries her own opinions, ideas, and is always ready to express herself in a class discussion. For an Elmwood girl, the definition of spirit is not just showing some enthusiasm; it's raiding her closet for every bright piece of clothing she can find, and preparing to lose her voice after putting every ounce of her energy into Spirit Afternoon. And after climbing to the summit of Mount Washington for her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, or fighting off a three-hundred pound wrestler in self-defence, an Elmwood girl doesn't just believe that anything is possible - she knows it.

Here at Elmwood, we are encouraged to take risks, challenge ourselves, and dream big. Elmwood brings the world to us, so that we can be ready to take on the world. This supportive community is like our second home, and each day, we get one step closer to finding our voice and defining ourselves as individuals. Having been here since the age of eight, I can honestly say that Elmwood has shaped the person I am today, and every memory and every moment, every mistake and every milestone, has become a part of who I am.

Dr. Seuss once said, "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose." An Elmwood graduate is confident and poised. She's beautiful both inside and out, and always looks for the best in others. Forty-one of these young women sit behind me today, ready to start the next chapter in their lives. Grads, what a year this has been. The common room jam sessions, posters, stressful times and the best of times; we have been through everything together. We have become such a close family this year, and I know that our friendship will never fade. It seems like only yesterday we were bursting with excitement as we transitioned from the hunter green skirts of Middle School, to the hunter green and maroon skirts of the Senior school. We have thought about this day our whole lives, and it's finally here. We have twelve years of education behind us and we're ready to take on any challenges that life has in store for us. You are the most supportive, hilarious and outstanding leaders imaginable, and I have loved every day that I've spent with you. I know that you're each going to achieve amazing things in the future, and I'm so excited for the adventures that lie ahead. So, keep it real, keep it classy, and don't ever change.

How could I end the year without thanking the people who work so hard to see us succeed - the people who make it all happen. Mrs. Boughtor your commitment and love for the school, your open mind, and your remarkable visions for the future make you an ideal role model for all of us. You have taught me to think outside the box, to push myself, to stand up for what I believe in, and to never stop dreaming. I'm going to miss the long chats, the stressful moments, the exciting moments, the laughs and the smiles. Ms. Kelly - you are always busily working away behind the scenes of every school initiative. Your unwavering commitment and support is much appreciated, and we thank you for everything. Teachers - you are the reason why each of us is so driven to succeed. From throwing yourself into hilarious airbands, student-teacher dodge ball games, or even staying late to help us in our classes, it is your commitment and enthusiasm for the school that makes it such a wonderful place. You motivate us to take that extra step and exceed our potential, and you prepare us to meet any challenges of the future with confidence. We look up to each and every one of you. And finally, to all my Girls in the Wood. I have shared so many unforgettable memories with all of you, and as you transition from one grade to the next, take a moment to think about the person you were at the beginning of the year, and who you are now. Girls - stand tall, stand proud and smile. You are my inspiration, and you make Elmwood the special place that I call home. Everyone - you're looking at the leaders of tomorrow; these are the girls who are going to lead us into the future. And to the graduating class of 2009, remember - each diploma is a lighted match. Each one of you is a fuse. Let the fireworks begin.

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- Sophia Dhalla, Head Girl
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World

► **THE RECESSION'S SILVER LINING.** The Amazon rain forest, often called the lungs of planet Earth, has been under siege for decades. The region covers about 4.1 million sq. km, more than half of Brazil, but already 20 per cent of that land has been deforested. And for the first half of 2008, land was being cleared at more than double the pace of 2007. Experts believe that rising world food prices encouraged farmers to clear new land in order to produce more beef and soy products. However, by the end of the year, as the recession took hold and consumer demand plummeted, satellite images showed that forest clearing dropped sharply too. So we can all breathe a little easier.

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▲ **TOIL AND TROUBLE.** The global financial crisis started last fall after banks, worried that their competitors were on the brink of collapse, stopped loaning each other money. As stock markets nosedived, once-proud firms such as Lehman Bros. toppled into bankruptcy while scams, such as the US\$50-billion fraud perpetrated by Bernie Madoff in New York, robbed thousands of investors of their savings. Meanwhile, governments slashed interest rates, pumped trillions of dollars into the financial system and bailed out surviving institutions in a desperate effort to reboot the system.

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◀ **THE WORLD SLOWS DOWN.** One after another, economies around the globe tumbled into recession as banks teetered, businesses stalled and consumers stopped spending. Trade slowed and layoffs increased at a blinding speed. In the space of just a few months, more than 20 million migrant workers in China were laid off, while in the United States, the unemployment numbers climbed sharply week after week. One of the few beacons of hope for a turnaround came from massive government stimulus packages. (Shutterstock)



◀ **SCORCHED.** In Australia, February's record-breaking hot, dry summer sparked wild bushfires that destroyed hundreds of homes, left thousands homeless and more than 200 people dead. Nothing escaped the raging flames. This three-year-old female koala bear, nicknamed Sam by the firefighter who rescued it from the devastation, was treated for second and third-degree burns as well as severe dehydration. Less than a week after the disaster, a charity album—*Bushfire Aid*—had been released to help victims. And the album's cover featured a picture of Sam being fed water by her rescuer.

(PHOTO BY NEWSPIX / REX FEATURES [741464B])

▶ **CRACKS IN THE GREAT WALL.** Last fall Chinese dairy companies were caught illegally adding the toxic chemical melamine to watered-down milk and dairy products, which appeared to "boost" the protein content. At least 300,000 babies and toddlers became sick, and some died. Parents' anger boiled over after finding out that the government concealed the contamination for months. Adding to the nation's turmoil were daily demonstrations by unemployed workers who were owed back pay. And then, just in time for the 60th anniversary of Communist rule, came Charter 08, a document that calls for a free democratic China. No wonder it went viral with thousands signing the accompanying petition. (AP Photo)



► **MAYHEM IN MUMBAI.** On Nov. 26, 10 gunmen from Pakistan launched a carefully coordinated attack on Mumbai, India. Their targets included the main train station, a Jewish centre, a popular restaurant and two luxury hotels, including the historic Taj Mahal in the city's centre, where guests and staff were terrorized for more than 50 hours. At least 160 civilians were killed and another 300 injured. Apparently the gunmen's success at the hotel in holding off teams of soldiers was due to a simple tool. They used cellphones to get up-to-date tactical information from their leaders who were watching the siege live on TV.

(Solarpix.com)



▲ **RUSH TO THE NORTH POLE.** With pack ice melting at an alarming rate, Arctic nations including Russia, Canada and the United States are angling for their share of the resources that are buried under the North Pole. All are busy exploring the area's geography to bolster their bids under the Law of the Sea Treaty to vast chunks of seabed beyond the usual 200-mile territorial limits. As each country jockeys to be the winner in the race, many scientists worry that the region's fragile ecology could be the biggest loser.

(LCDR Steve Wheeler/US Coast Guard/MCT)



▲ **ROUGH WATERS.** Beyond the usual hazards of life on the high seas, ships sailing off the coast of the lawless African nation of Somalia have a new threat: pirates. Real-life pirates seize ships at gunpoint and hold crews hostage until they receive hefty ransom payments. But things don't always go the pirates' way. Last December, one swashbuckler who was obviously not familiar with the slimy characters in *Pirates of the Caribbean* whined about greedy middlemen trying to steal his ransom: "We can't trust them. They're trying to take the money, and we are the criminals." (Photo by Rex Features (811878a))



▼ **SOGGY BUT SAFE.** It was dubbed "the miracle on the Hudson." Thanks to a cool-headed pilot, all 155 passengers and crew en route to Charlotte, N.C. survived the emergency landing of US Airways Flight 1549 last January. Two minutes after taking off from New York City, the plane struck a flock of birds, which crippled both engines. Unable to return to the airport, the pilot steered the plane away from Manhattan's skyscrapers and completed a near-perfect landing on the Hudson River. Rescue boats helped everyone to safety before the plane was all but submerged in the icy water. One passenger, late for a meeting in Charlotte, emailed five words to a perplexed co-worker: "I landed in the Hudson." (INNphoto.com REF: infusny-139)



▼ **YES HE CAN.** The U.S. election campaign and subsequent inauguration of President Barack Obama had so much drama and pageantry that the whole world tuned in. The Obama campaign made clever use of the Internet to connect with young supporters and raise millions of dollars. The candidate promised change. And so far, that's just what he's been delivering. (Chuck Kennedy/MCT)



Canada

► **HANNAH HELPS THE HOMELESS.** In 2004, at age 8, Winnipeg's Hannah Taylor established the Ladybug Foundation, a non-profit to help the homeless. Since then she has raised more than \$2 million for Canadian food banks, shelters, missions and her national education program. Hannah travels to schools and business luncheons, spreading the word about the importance of helping others who are less fortunate. Her fund-raising initiatives include National Red Scarf Day (she sells scarves and encourages everyone to wear them on the last day of January) and *Ruby's Hope*, a picture book she has written. One of her proudest achievements is Hannah's Place, a homeless shelter in Winnipeg that opened in 2007. Not bad for someone who hasn't even started high school yet.

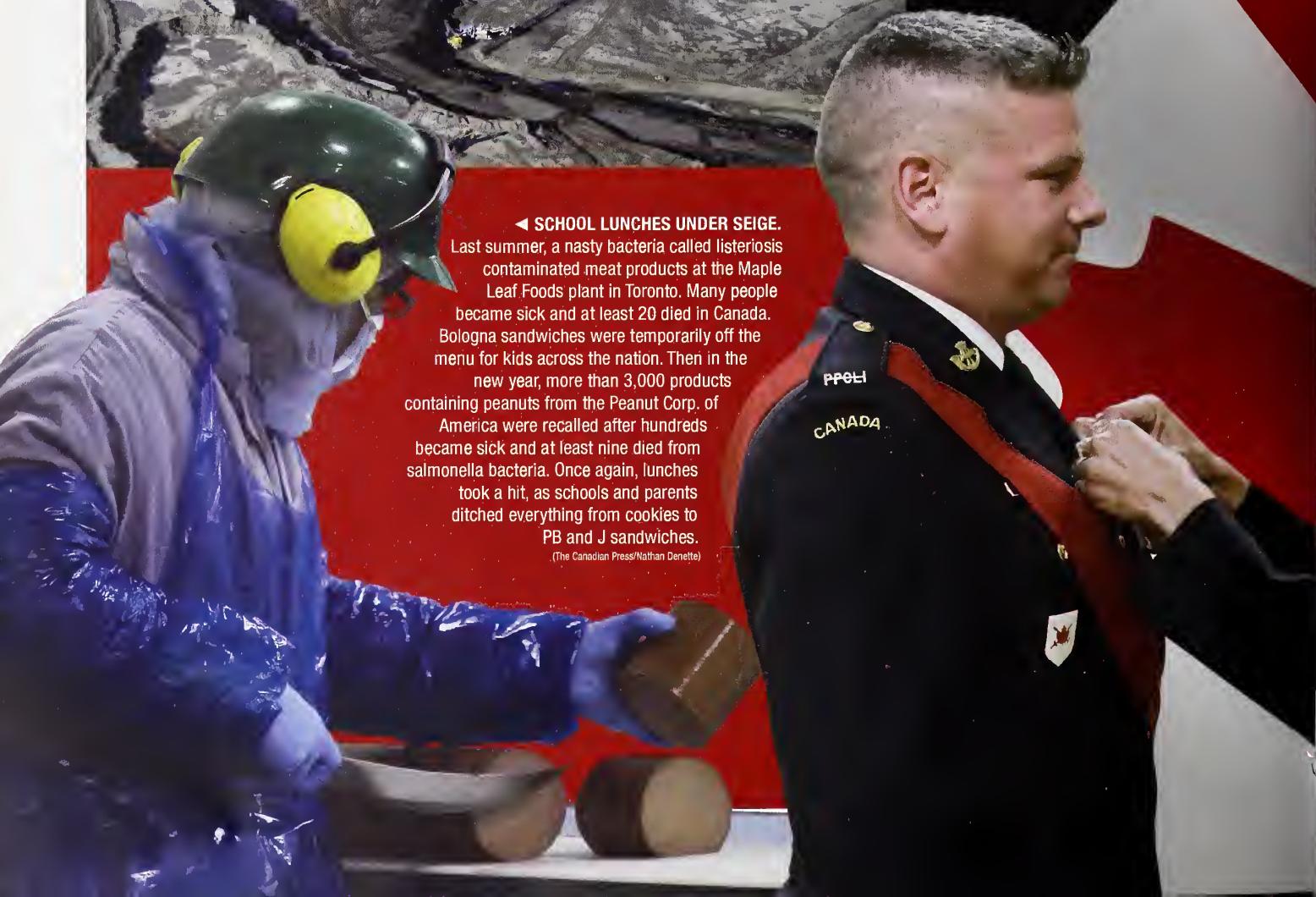


► **ALBERTA'S BOOM GOES BUST.** Party-time in the oil patch ended when the price of crude nosedived by more than US\$100 a barrel last fall. Albertans were left to grapple with a scarred landscape caused by oil sands development, along with declining housing prices, rising unemployment and even a provincial deficit. The budget shortfall, the first in Alberta in 15 years, is forecast to be at least \$1.4 billion.

Ouch! (AP Photo/Eamon MacMahon, File)

◀ **SCHOOL LUNCHES UNDER SEIGE.** Last summer, a nasty bacteria called listeriosis contaminated meat products at the Maple Leaf Foods plant in Toronto. Many people became sick and at least 20 died in Canada. Bologna sandwiches were temporarily off the menu for kids across the nation. Then in the new year, more than 3,000 products containing peanuts from the Peanut Corp. of America were recalled after hundreds became sick and at least nine died from salmonella bacteria. Once again, lunches took a hit, as schools and parents ditched everything from cookies to PB and J sandwiches.

(The Canadian Press/Nathan Denette)





◀ **CANADA VOTES.** Sometimes it's hard to remember there even was an election last fall, so little changed. While the ruling Conservatives won 143 of the House of Commons' 308 seats—a gain of 16 ridings—and the Liberals lost 18 seats, the Tories again failed to secure the majority they hoped for, leaving the overall political balance of power unchanged. The bright new light in an otherwise dull campaign came from Green Leader Elizabeth May, who shone during the leaders' debates but alas, failed to win her Nova Scotia riding. (The Canadian Press/Sean Kilpatrick)



▲ **MUTT MUSIC.** Canadian singer Sarah McLachlan is a pet lover who has put her money where her mouth is. And the results have been pure gold for animals in distress. Three summers ago, she appeared in a TV ad for the British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Its success brought the American SPCA calling, and soon commercials filled with heartbreaking images of dogs and cats, and McLachlan's song *Angel* playing in the background, were on TV sets across the continent. The pitch has raised more than US\$30 million for the ASPCA, by far its most successful fund-raising effort ever. (John Green/San Mateo County Times/MCT)



▲ **HIGH DRAMA IN OTTAWA.** Late last November, NDP Leader Jack Layton, Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion, and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe (left to right) were frustrated by the Conservatives' inaction as the economy slowed down. They proposed forming a coalition, with Dion as PM, even though he was stepping down as Liberal leader following a dismal election. Faced with losing power weeks after being voted back into office, Prime Minister Stephen Harper asked the Governor General to prorogue (or suspend) Parliament for two months while his government worked on a budget. She granted the request, thus ending a wild, dramatic week, in which we all learned a new word: "prorogue." (Soon after the kerfuffle, the Liberals appointed Michael Ignatieff as their leader.) (The Canadian Press/Sean Kilpatrick)



◀ **HONOURED.** More than 2,000 Canadian soldiers are based in the dangerous southern part of Afghanistan as part of the NATO-led force trying to stabilize the country. Often the fighting is fierce, and more than 115 troops have died. But there have also been many successes. In February, Michaëlle Jean, Canada's Governor General, presented the Star of Military Valour to three members of the Canadian Forces, including Warrant Officer William MacDonald. Only eight such decorations—awarded for "distinguished and valiant service in the presence of the enemy"—have ever been given. (The Canadian Press/Adrian Wyld)

► **ROUGH ROADS AHEAD.** Slumping sales have automakers running on empty. While they work feverishly to develop new, sleek, energy-efficient models, and negotiate with their workers to lower pay packets and with governments to secure bailout money, the big question still remains: Can they steer clear of the ditch? (Joyce Marshall/Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT)



Music

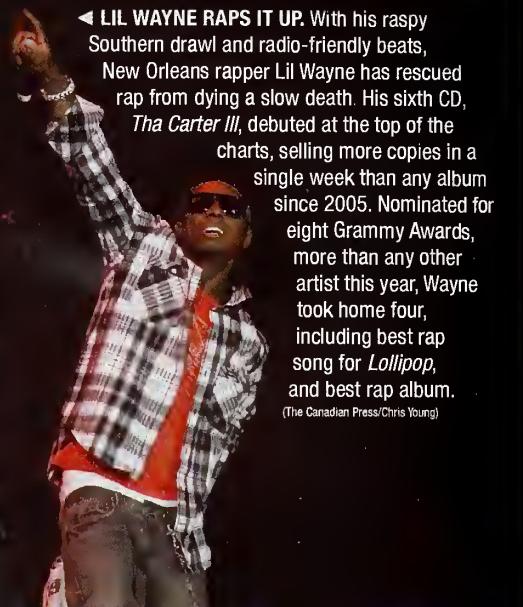
► **THE DIVA CAN DANCE.** Although she was all bundled up for her performance at President Barack Obama's inauguration concert in January, Beyoncé isn't always so restrained. Her dance routine in the *Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)* video leaves us breathless and wondering how she ever thought up a song entitled *If I were a Boy*. (Chuck Liddy/Raleigh News & Observer/MCT)



► **ALL IN THE FAMILY.** Not so very long ago, the Jonas Brothers were piggybacking on Miley Cyrus's fame. They played on her tour, appeared in her 3D concert movie, and were guests on her TV show. But after they starred in *Camp Rock*, and released last summer's single *Burnin' Up* and their platinum album *A Little Bit Longer*, Nick, Kevin and Joe came out with their own 3D concert movie where Miley Cyrus was nowhere to be found. (Diedra Laird/Charlotte Observer/MCT)

◀ **WHOA MAMA!** So far 2009 has been an awesome year for M.I.A. (a.k.a. Maya Arulpragasam). The outspoken Sri Lankan-British rapper was nominated for an Academy Award for the song *O... Saya*, in the movie *Slumdog Millionaire*. She also received two Grammy nominations (her single *Paper Planes* was in the running for record of the year) and she performed at the Grammy Awards in February while she was nine months pregnant. Three days later she delivered a healthy baby boy. With all those accomplishments, can you blame her for challenging her audience to *Swagga Like Us?* (© Abaca Press 2004. All rights reserved.)

◀ **LIL WAYNE RAPS IT UP.** With his raspy Southern drawl and radio-friendly beats, New Orleans rapper Lil Wayne has rescued rap from dying a slow death. His sixth CD, *Tha Carter III*, debuted at the top of the charts, selling more copies in a single week than any album since 2005. Nominated for eight Grammy Awards, more than any other artist this year, Wayne took home four, including best rap song for *Lollipop*, and best rap album. (The Canadian Press/Chris Young)



◀ **KISSING KATY.** It was the kiss heard round the world. Katy Perry hit No. 1 everywhere from Australia to Sweden with her saucy single *I Kissed a Girl*. With her second hit, *Hot N Cold*, and a four-month international tour schedule, she's scarcely got time to breathe, let alone smooch. (AP Photo/Antonio Calanni)

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► DESPITE THEIR NAME, THESE GUYS ARE HOT. Coldplay leaped headlong into the unknown with *Viva La Vida*, leaving behind their earnest rock sound. But the risk paid off for these superstars: the CD sold more than eight million copies, and the boys (two of whom, Jonny Buckland, left, and Chris Martin are pictured here) sold out shows around the world. (AP Photo/Chris Pizzello)



▲ WHICH WAY TO THE BEACH? Stefani Germanotta, better known by her stage name Lady Gaga, shot to fame last year with her first CD, aptly titled *The Fame*. Singles *Poker Face* and *Just Dance* have both topped the charts, and *Just Dance* even earned the 23-year-old a Grammy nomination. While she obviously has musical talent, Lady's fashion sense leaves some of us a-gaga. Why is she so rarely able to assemble an outfit that doesn't look like swimwear? (© Absica Press 2004. All rights reserved.)

► RULE BRITANNIA.

British R&B singer Adele won two Grammy Awards in February for her first album, *19*, including one for best new artist. And radios across North America also blasted out tunes from two of her countrywomen. Leona Lewis's brassy vocals on *Bleeding Love* topped the charts, while Estelle crooned about an *American Boy*. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)



▼ U2 R GR8. Irish rock band U2 did it again: scoring its seventh No. 1 album on the Billboard 200 with *No Line on the Horizon*. What else would you expect from a group that has been making meaningful music for three decades? Though Bono and the Edge performed during the Obama inaugural celebration at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. in January, most fans will have to wait: the band's 360° Tour officially comes to North America in September.

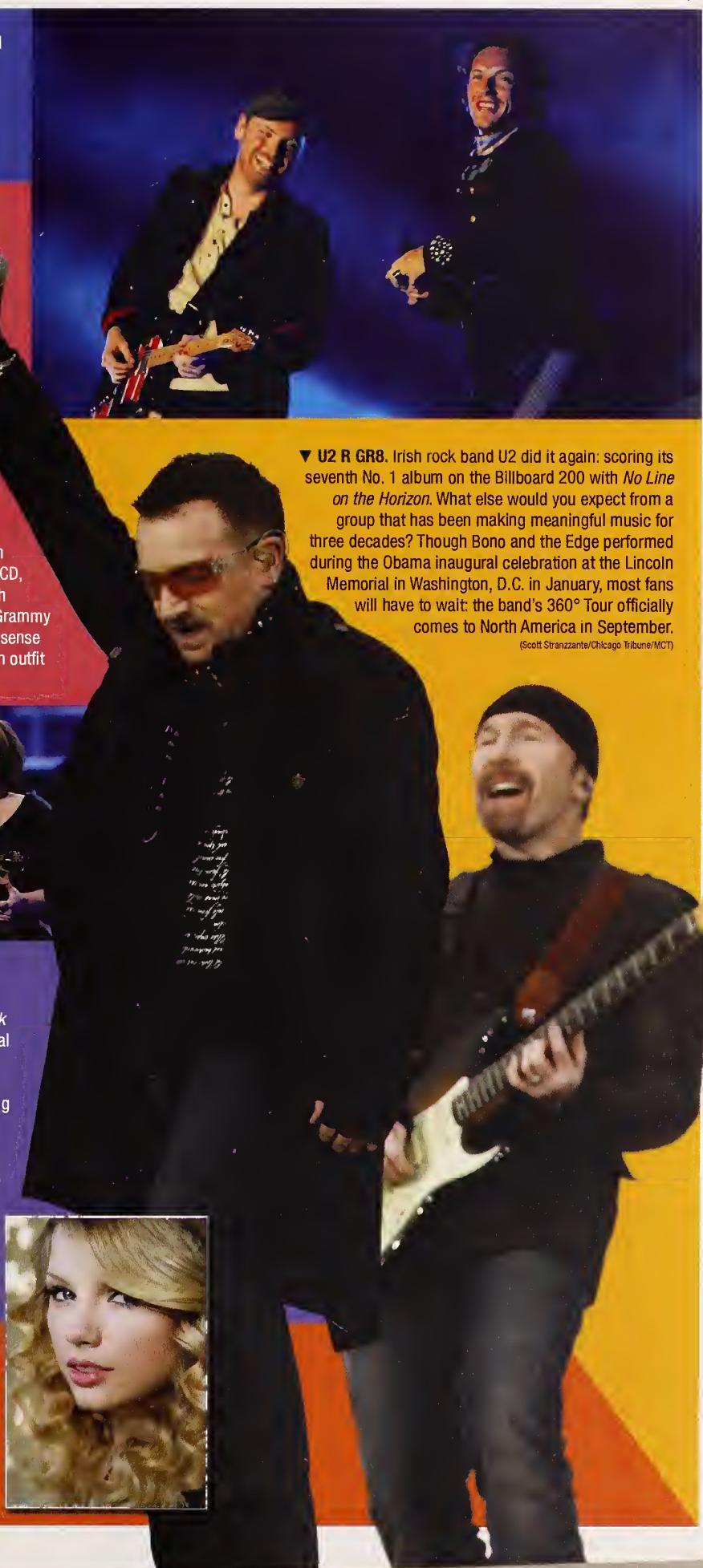
(Scott Strazzante/Chicago Tribune/MCT)

◀ KANYE CAN ACTUALLY SING! On *808s & Heartbreak* Kanye West shelved his usual dance club sound, and recorded some vocals that actually have a melody, along with some straight-forward percussion. In the process he produced one of the most powerful CDs of the past year, especially the singles *Love Lockdown* and *Heartless*.

(Katina Revolis/Detroit Free Press/MCT)



► TAYLOR'S SWIFT RISE TO STARDOM. Crossover country singer Taylor Swift lays herself bare in her second album, *Fearless*. In song after song, she shares her hopes and dreams and feelings. Her tunes and her lyrics obviously struck a chord with us. *Fearless* sailed along at the top of the Billboard charts for 11 weeks. (AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)



Lifestyle

► **PUPPY LOVE.** From Hollywood, to the Web, to the White House, tails were a-wagging. *Marley & Me* drown Jennifer Aniston and Owen Wilson in cuddly cuteness, while computer-based animal lovers everywhere kept tabs on the progress of six baby Shiba Inus via a streaming "Puppy Cam." Meanwhile we all welcomed the big announcement from Washington: a new presidential puppy for the Obama girls. Aww.

(Barry Wetcher/Twentieth Century Fox/MCT)



► **DIY MUSIC.** We can all be superstars with the music video game *Rock Band 2*.

It's got the drums, it's got the singing, it's got the guitar and bass, and it's got more songs than the original version. Plus, there's an online component that lets you wage a battle of the bands in cyberspace. Rock on. (MCT)



A photograph of an Acer Aspire One netbook. The screen displays a desktop interface with icons for Connect, Work, Fun, and Files. A pair of red-rimmed glasses rests on the keyboard.

▲ **INBOX: SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL.** Ultra-mobile netbooks, such as the Acer Aspire One, have become the communications tool for people on the go. While their shrunken screens, keyboards and memory make them less-than-ideal for cranking out lengthy term papers, their feather-light weight, simple connections and low, low prices make them perfect for surfing the Web when you're away from your desk.

(Alejandro A. Alvarez/Philadelphia Daily News/MCT)

► **IT'S A WRAP.** Okay guys, there are two ways to wear a scarf: loosely draped around your collar, like Zac Efron, or for a snugger look, here is your step-by-step guide:

- 1) Take one long, woven scarf.
- 2) Fold it in half along its length.
- 3) Fold it in half lengthwise so the fringed ends are touching.
- 4) Place the scarf around your neck, with the fringed ends in your right hand, and the fold in your left hand. Now pull the fringed ends through the loop and let them fall over your chest.

Result: one hot look, especially when worn with an open jacket.

(Scot Kirkland/INFPhoto.com)





▲ LETTING LOOSE. While body-hugging styles may still be in vogue for prom night, many fashion-forward females are happy to kick back in their boyfriend jeans. Katie Holmes (left) looks like she's wearing husband Tom Cruise's denim. Singer Lily Allen (centre) and Spice Girl Geri Halliwell (right) also opt for comfort in their relaxed-fit pants. Go figure. (Photo by Rex Features)

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Percentage of profiles per population:



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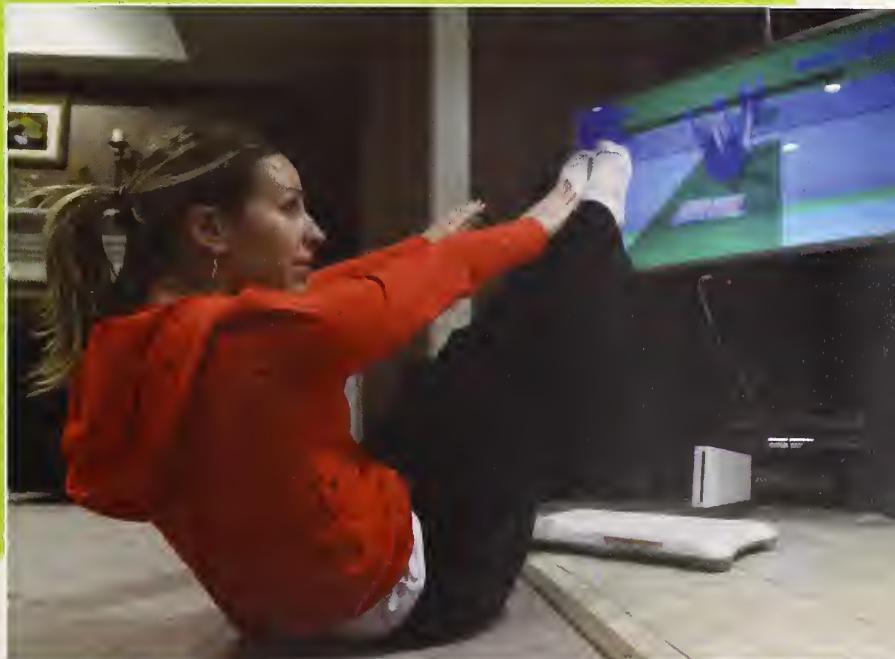
▲ TUNICS & TIGHTS. Short dresses layered under cardigans with opaque tights and a chunky necklace to top it all off. This look filled high school hallways. Who says teens don't like uniforms?

(Ralph Lauer/Fort Worth Star-Tribune/MCT)



▲ DIALING FOR DOWNLOADS. With more than 15,000 downloadable apps available, the iPhone 3G puts the world in the palm of your hand. Not sure how much tip to leave at the restaurant? Tipulator can calculate it. Want to track your fitness? iMapMyRide records cycling distances, times and pace, while RunKeeper lets you map your routes, and Pandora offers a customized soundtrack. Oh yeah, and for those with a traditional streak, you can also make phone calls. (Apple/MCT)

► WII GET BUFF. Couch potatoes are tuning in and toning up with *Wii Fit*, Nintendo's runaway hit video game that gets us all up and moving. (CP/Nathan Denette)



Entertainment

► BRIT IS BACK.

The pop princess's sixth studio album *Circus* debuted in the No. 1 spot on the Billboard 200 last November. It was a stunning comeback from earlier in the year when Britney Spears' erratic behaviour caused her to lose visitation rights with her two young sons.

However, under her father's guidance, she withdrew from the glare of the paparazzi cameras

and instead focused on her sons, her family and her career. The change paid off. Not only does she again get to see her boys, but *Circus* sold more than 500,000 copies in its first week.

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► MILEY BREAKS OUT. Miley Cyrus has become the ultimate multitasking teen. The 16-year-old *Hannah Montana* star continues to crank out hit albums, sell out concerts around the world, and is a box office star on the big screen. Last year she was the voice of Penny in the animated film *Bolt* and also co-wrote two of the movie's songs. With that résumé, there's no doubt she earned every penny of the more than US\$25 million she banked in 2008.

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► BRANGELINA'S BROOD. They are gorgeous, smart and talented actors, yet what sets Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie apart in Hollywood is their rapidly growing family. The addition of twins last July brought the number of kids in the Brangelina house to six. And virtually wherever the superstar couple travels, so does the entire clan. One frequent stop is New Orleans, where Pitt's Make It Right foundation is building 150 environmentally sustainable houses to replace those destroyed in hurricane Katrina.

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► BACK FROM TRAGEDY. Last autumn Jennifer Hudson was on top of the world. Her first studio album had just been released and her new film *The Secret Life of Bees* was doing well in theatres. But at the end of October, the Oscar winner's world imploded when her estranged brother-in-law allegedly murdered her mother, brother and young nephew. After months of private grief, Hudson returned to public life to sing the national anthem at Super Bowl XLIII. Soon after, as she picked up best R&B album at the Grammys, she poignantly said: "I'd like to thank my family in heaven—and those who are here today."

(Mark Cornelison/Lexington Herald-Leader/MCT)



► WHEN LIFE IMITATES ART.

Tina Fey is on a roll. Last September, she picked up three Emmys for her duties as the creator, writer and star of the hit TV sitcom *30 Rock*, while her first big movie, *Baby Mama*, opened the Tribeca Film Festival in New York City. Yet for all her accomplishments, it was her hilarious *Saturday Night Live* skits skewering vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin that stand out. They were so spot-on that even the Alaska governor played along, visiting *SNL* just before the election to critique Fey's performance. No wonder the comedian got US\$5 million to write a book.

(Graylock/Abaca Press/MCT, Tom Gralish/Philadelphia Inquirer/MCT)



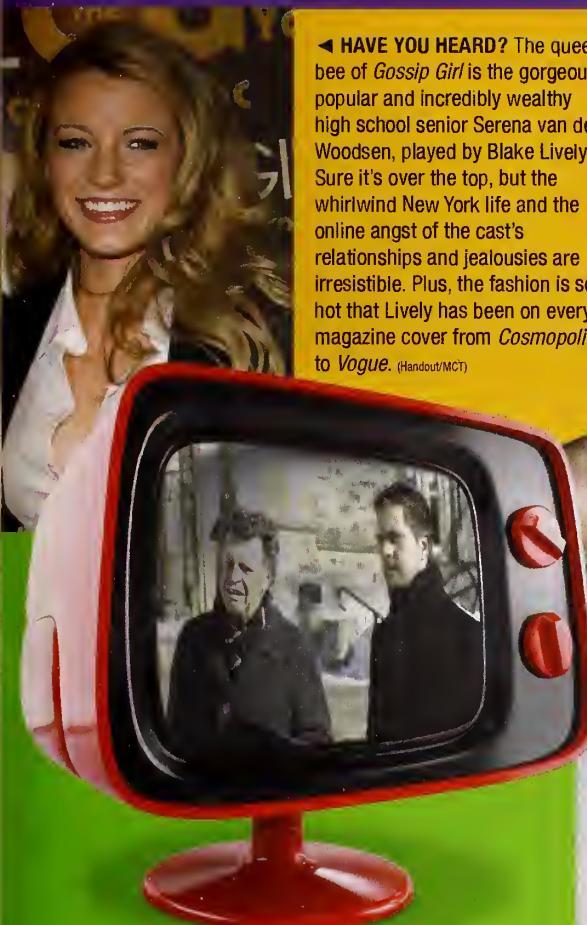
► SEEING THE LIGHT. Thousands of devoted Twilight fans lined up at midnight last August to buy the tale's fourth book, *Breaking Dawn*. More than a million copies flew out of bookstores in the first 24 hours, mostly bought by teens anxious to devour the latest details about Bella Swan's complicated relationship with hunky vampire Edward Cullen. In this instalment, the couple finally ties the knot, but, as always in Stephenie Meyer's addictive series, complications come a-knocking.

(CP Images.com)



▲ WELCOME TO THE BIG LEAGUES. The producers of *Grey's Anatomy* focused this season on developing what were peripheral characters on the medical soap opera. It was all in an effort to breathe new life into a show that, while still very popular, was showing its age. So while Izzie Stevens slowly disintegrated as her behaviour became more and more bizarre, viewers turned their attention to the usually suave Mark Sloan (above, left), a.k.a. McSteamy, as he fumbled and stumbled in his relationship with intern Lexie Grey (center). And the hapless couple asked for advice from, of all people, orthopedic surgeon and former McSteamy lover Callie Torres (right). The strategy paid off as ratings climbed back up. (ABC/RANDY HOLMES)

◀ HAVE YOU HEARD? The queen bee of *Gossip Girl* is the gorgeous, popular and incredibly wealthy high school senior Serena van der Woodsen, played by Blake Lively. Sure it's over the top, but the whirlwind New York life and the online angst of the cast's relationships and jealousies are irresistible. Plus, the fashion is so hot that Lively has been on every magazine cover from *Cosmopolitan* to *Vogue*. (Handout/MCT)



▲ ON THE EDGE. The new hit show *Fringe* revolves around a sarcastic genius, played by Canadian actor Joshua Jackson, who reluctantly helps his unstable, perhaps mad, scientist father (above) and an FBI agent investigate unexplainable, weird incidents involving so-called fringe sciences such as artificial intelligence and telepathy. Creator J.J. Abrams, who previously invented the wildly complicated *Lost*, promised that *Fringe* story lines would be easier to follow. So far he's delivered, to the relief of sci-fi fans everywhere... (Mark Ben Holzberg/FOX)

Television

► DANCING UP A HIT. Given that *So You Think You Can Dance* was created by the geniuses behind *American Idol*, it's only natural that they kept the same basic format: contestants who survive a tough audition process learn new choreography and different dance styles every week. And the dancers change partners constantly, so audiences may find themselves watching a ballet dancer teamed up with a Latin dancer performing a hip-hop routine. In addition to winning \$100,000 and a Mercedes-Benz, the first Canadian champ, Nico Archambault, is headlining a national tour with the other finalists.



◀ STRUTTING HER STUFF It's been on the air for six years, yet *America's Next Top Model* has already churned out more than 10 seasons full of catwalk chaos, diva-like behaviour and, of course, beautiful women. Hosted by former supermodel Tyra Banks, the series is a fun peek into how much hard work and sacrifice goes into modelling. Take for example model McKey Sullivan (left) who was rejected in season nine, yet went on to win the 11th season, but only after having her long red hair chopped off and died black. Ouch! (The CW)

▼ LOST AND FOUND. Just when it seemed that *Lost* couldn't get any more complicated, the fifth season opened with the survivors of the Oceanic flight 815 crash discovering that the island they were stranded on was "jumping" in time and space. And the only way to stop the increasingly dangerous moves was for the Oceanic Six (below), the passengers who'd made it back to civilization, to return to the island. Despite all its twists and turns, the series has a devoted following who each week dissect the show for hidden clues about what will happen next.

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Movies



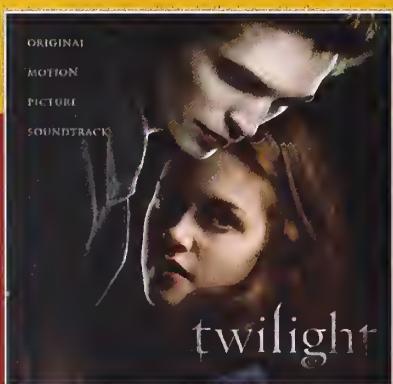
◀ **A TRUE LOVE MATCH.** Can a machine be a romantic hero? Yes, if he's a garbage crunching, musical-loving robot named WALL-E. The Pixar flick with the same name turned the traditional boy-meets-girl formula on its head in the most delightful way. And after he proved his love and captured the heart of his beloved Eve, audiences cheered for the most unlikely of happy couples. (MCT)

► **'I AM IRON MAN.'**

The superhero movie roared out the starting block, earning nearly US\$100 million in its opening weekend. And much of the success was due to Robert Downey Jr.'s title performance. His debonair, swashbuckling and tongue-in-cheek attitude in *Iron Man* was just what audiences had been looking for in a comic book adaptation. Somehow the usual earnest do-gooder acting doesn't cut it when you've got a reactor imbedded in your chest. (Paramount Pictures/MCT)



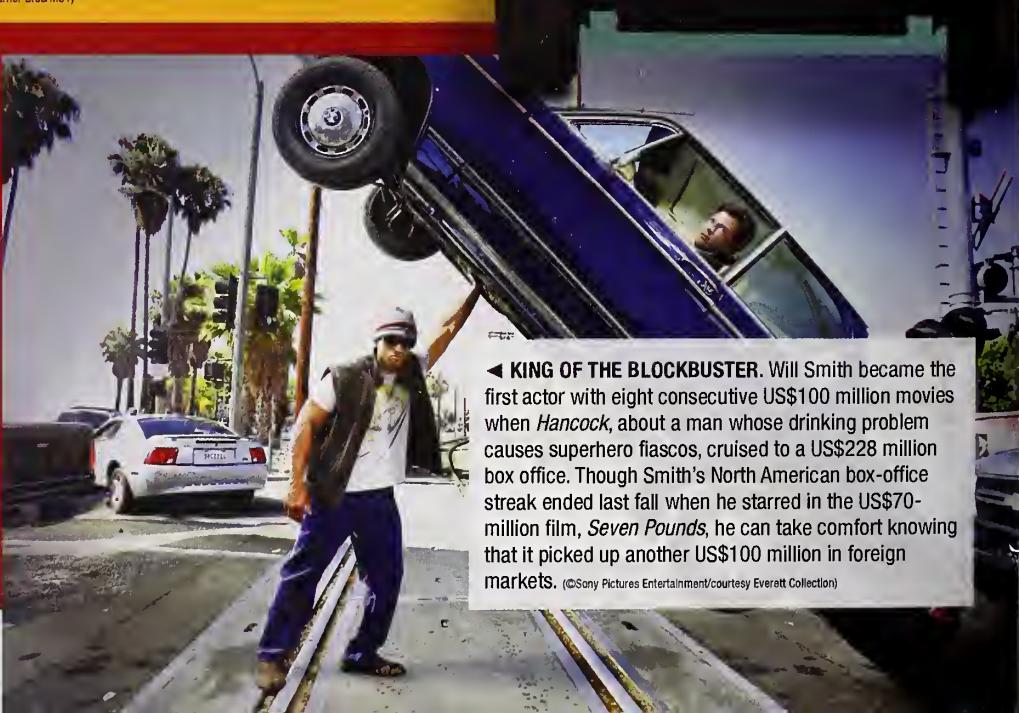
▲ **HEROIC EFFORT.** Longtime *Watchmen* graphic novel fans believed the superheroes would never be on the big screen. And they were nearly right, though not because it was deemed "unfilmable" but rather because of an epic court battle between Fox and Warner Bros. over who owned the movie rights. The case dragged on until January when an agreement finally ended the dispute. Frustrated fans made up for lost time as *Watchmen* made US\$55 million in its opening weekend. (Warner Bros./MCT)



▲ **TAKING A BITE OUT OF THE BOX OFFICE.**

Teens flocked to theatres this winter to see Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson play Bella Swan and her love, the brooding vampire Edward Cullen, in the first film adaptation of Stephenie Meyer's hit fiction series. No wonder that just days after *Twilight*'s boffo opening, the second book, *New Moon*, was officially put into pre-production. (MCT)

► **HAVE SEGWAY, WILL PROTECT.** The plot of *Paul Blart: Mall Cop* is improbable, to say the least: an action thriller about a dedicated security guard who saves the day when robbers invade his shopping centre. Yet with comedian Kevin James in the main role, the movie turned into the sleeper hit of the winter, taking in US\$140 million. (The Canadian Press/Columbia Pictures/Richard Cartwright)



◀ **KING OF THE BLOCKBUSTER.** Will Smith became the first actor with eight consecutive US\$100 million movies when *Hancock*, about a man whose drinking problem causes superhero fiascos, cruised to a US\$228 million box office. Though Smith's North American box-office streak ended last fall when he starred in the US\$70-million film, *Seven Pounds*, he can take comfort knowing that it picked up another US\$100 million in foreign markets. (©Sony Pictures Entertainment/Courtesy Everett Collection)



◀ **GOLDEN GIRL.** Who cares that Jennifer Aniston has hit the big 4-0, she is still America's sweetheart. She made everyone long to walk Labrador puppies in *Marley & Me* and proved that men can be idiots when it comes to relationships in *He's Just Not that Into You*. Alas, Aniston's own love life took a hit in March when she broke up with singer John Mayer. Perhaps she should rent her own movies for pointers.

(Francis Specker/Landov/MCT)

TOP 10 • 2008 Movies

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| 1 The Dark Knight | \$650 million |
| 1 Iron Man | \$388 million |
| 3 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull | \$387 million |
| 4 Hancock | \$278 million |
| 5 WALL-E | \$273 million |
| 6 Kung Fu Panda | \$262 million |
| 7 Twilight | \$233 million |
| 8 Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa | \$220 million |
| 9 Quantum of Solace | \$205 million |
| 10 Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who! | \$189 million |

* In Canadian Dollars

▶ **SWAN SONG.** After a career full of daring roles, it was fitting that Heath Ledger's last picture, *The Dark Knight*, would cement the Australian actor's reputation as one of his generation's best. The sequel to *Batman*

opened to rave reviews six months after Ledger accidentally overdosed on prescription medication. Reviewers praised Ledger's dark portrayal of the evil Joker and correctly bet that he would capture an Oscar for his role. (MCT)



▶ **FINALLY.** British actress Kate Winslet was first nominated for an Academy Award at the age of 20. She lost. Then came four more nominations. She lost them all. So it was no surprise that Winslet, now 33, was emotional when she finally claimed the golden statue for her role as a former Nazi concentration camp guard in *The Reader*. "I'd be lying if I hadn't made a version of this speech before, I think I was probably eight years old and staring into the bathroom mirror. And this [holding up the Oscar] would've been a shampoo bottle," Winslet said in her acceptance speech. "Well, it's not a shampoo bottle now!"

(Francis Specker/Landov/MCT)



◀ **JAI HO!** The film *Slumdog Millionaire* won eight Oscars including Best Picture and made more than US\$135 million in North America. Not bad for a movie filled with subtitles about Jamal, a poor kid from the slums of Mumbai, who needs to win India's version of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire* to save the beautiful Latika. Its leading actors, Dev Patel and Freida Pinto, became the toast of Hollywood as Woody Allen signed Pinto to his new movie, while M. Night Shyamalan scooped up Patel. A clue to the success of the unswervingly optimistic movie can be found in the title of the infectious Best Song winner, *Jai Ho*. Its English translation is "May victory be yours." (©Fox Searchlight/courtesy Everett Collection)



Sports

► ON TOP OF THE WORLD.

Team Canada captured its fifth straight World Junior Hockey Championship gold with a 5-1 victory over Sweden in early January. John Tavares, seen here holding up a Canadian flag, was named most valuable player and top forward for the tournament, making him a top pick in the NHL entry draft this year.

(The Canadian Press/Tom Hanson)

▼ ROCK STEADY. Team Canada skip Jennifer Jones was unstoppable on her way to her third Scotties Tournament of Hearts in March, but had less success a month later at the World Women's Curling Championship in South Korea, where the defending champ finished out of the medals.

(The Canadian Press/Jonathan Hayward)



► FASTEST MAN ON TWO LEGS. In Beijing last summer, Jamaican runner Usain Bolt became the first sprinter ever to shatter world records in both the 100-m race and the 200 at the same Olympics. In the 100, he won the gold in 9.69. Then, on the eve of his 22nd birthday, he ran 19.30 to smash the record in the 200. He capped his week—another gold medal, another world record—as a member of Jamaica's 4 x 100-m relay team.

(Jeff Siner/Charlotte Observer/MCT)

► FANCY FOOTWORK. Calgary Stampeders' Miguel Robede held up the Grey Cup after his team beat the Montreal Alouettes at the 96th Grey Cup in November. The 66,308 football fans in the domed Olympic Stadium were deafening as they rooted for the hometown Alouettes, who were ahead at halftime. But Stampeders quarterback Henry Burris rallied his team with a second-half comeback to win 22-14. Burris was named the game's most valuable player.

(The Canadian Press/Tom Hanson)



► TALENT FACE-OFF.

It's a good thing that Sidney Crosby has big shoulders. The NHL poster boy has more duties than most players, as captain of the Pittsburgh Penguins and ambassador for the league. His points standing has slipped a bit this year, while rival

Alexander Ovechkin (left), the Washington Capitals' showboat left winger, has racked up goals by the bucket-load. But don't count out No. 87. When it comes to face-offs, killing penalties, and the grit needed to go the distance, Capt. Crosby has few equals.

(George Bridges/MCT)



Champions

2008

◀ HE'S BACK.

For months golf fans fretted and worried while Tiger Woods recovered from reconstructive surgery on his left knee. The operation occurred just days after his painful win at last year's U.S. Open. But in March the golfer allayed fears by roaring back from a five-shot deficit to capture the Arnold Palmer Invitational on the final hole.

(Roberto Gonzalez/Orlando Sentinel/MCT)

◀ SHE'S A CHAMP, NO HOLDS BARRED.

Wrestler Carol Huynh won the first of Canada's three gold medals at the Beijing Olympics. Huynh beat Japan's Chiharu Icho in the 48-km freestyle weight class. Her match was spectacular, but so was her reaction to her victory. Up on the podium, she wiped away tears and proudly sang *O Canada*. "I was thinking about the road to how I got here," she explained. Huynh's parents were born in Vietnam, though she was born and raised in Hazelton, B.C. Afterward she thanked the people of her hometown for their support in "raising an Olympian."

(Mark Reis/Colorado Springs Gazette/MCT)



GREY CUP

CALGARY STAMPEDERS
OVER MONTREAL ALOUETTES

22-14

SUPER BOWL XLIII

PITTSBURGH STEELERS
OVER ARIZONA CARDINALS

27-23

WOMEN'S CURLING

JENNIFER JONES, TEAM CANADA
OVER MARLA MALLETT, B.C.

8-5

MEN'S CURLING

KEVIN MARTIN, ALTA.
OVER JEFF STOUGHTON, MAN.

10-4

STANLEY CUP

DETROIT RED WINGS
OVER PITTSBURGH PENGUINS

4-2 SERIES

WORLD SERIES

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES
OVER TAMPA BAY RAYS

4-1 SERIES

NBA

BOSTON CELTICS
OVER L.A. LAKERS

4-2 SERIES

PGA

VIJAY SINGH

US\$6.6 MILLION

LPGA

LORENA OCHOA

US\$2.8 MILLION



▲ SOLID GOLD. After an accident at age 12 left her paralyzed from the hips down, Chantal Petitclerc refused to slow down. Last summer, at the 2008 Paralympics in Beijing, the 38-year-old athlete entered five events (100 m, 200 m, 400 m, 800 m and 1,500 m), and won them all, setting two world records (200 m and 800 m) in the process. With that, Petitclerc ended a career that had spanned five Paralympics and included 21 medals — 14 of them gold. Canadian sports journalists named her winner of the Lou Marsh Trophy, presented to Canada's top athlete of the year.

(AP Photo/Eugene Hoshiko)



▲ SWEET REDEMPTION. Last summer in Beijing, the men's 8 rowing team finished the job they had begun four years earlier. After a crushing defeat at the Athens Olympics in 2004, where they had gone in as medal favourites and wound up with a fifth-place finish, there was no stopping the crew in China. They led the final race the whole way, rowing flat out to a gold-medal finish. (AP Photo/Gregory Bull)

▲ SPEED KING. The must-see event last summer was the Beijing Olympics, and its marquee star was Michael Phelps. For nine days in August, TV audiences tuned in to watch the swimmer break Mark Spitz's 36-year-old record, winning eight gold medals at one Olympics. Why, he almost made Speedos cool again. (Erich Schlegel/Dallas Morning News/MCT)

Science

► **MISSION INVISIBLE.** Fans of Harry Potter rejoice. Teams of engineers at universities around the world have been working to produce a variety of invisibility cloaks. And they're hiding items a lot bigger than a jacket. Spanish scientists can hide a submarine from sonar, while British experts have developed a way to shield offshore oil platforms against massive ocean waves. Though amazingly complex, the cloaks all work the same way: they shuffle or bend waves, such as light, sound or water, so that it appears as if the cloaked object is not there. Imagine the possibilities for hide and seek on a global scale. (AP Photo/Shizuo Kambayashi)



▲ **PRIMETIME IS ANYTIME.** It's like a big video jukebox filled with all your favourite TV shows, and available 24/7. Created as a network-approved alternative to unauthorized sites, Hulu.com offers free full episodes of shows from NBC, Fox, PBS and other channels. And although Canadians are currently blocked from the site, there's a simple workaround: AnchorFree.com allows Canucks to view blocked U.S. content. Other simple possibilities include the Canadian networks' websites, such as CTV.ca, which streams hits such as *Grey's Anatomy* and *Gossip Girl*. Bye, bye cable. (www.hulu.com)



▲ **GREEN POWER.** Between fridges and stoves, lights, computers, air conditioners and soon, plug-in cars, we use a lot of electricity, half of which, in the U.S., comes from burning coal. As our demand increases, we need to find more capacity in the grid. And these days many scientists are looking at renewables, including wind, solar and hydro, to generate those gigawatts. Wind farms are sprouting up across the land, new generation solar cells are being tested, and small-scale hydro dams are being proposed. Stay tuned: the results should be electrifying. (Gary Porter/Milwaukee Journal Sentinel/MCT)

► **HOSPITAL CHECKLIST SAVES LIVES.** In a year-long project, hospital surgical teams in eight countries followed a basic checklist in the operating room and amazingly reduced the rate of deaths and complications by more than a third. This low-tech protocol involved such things as confirming the patient's name and the procedure to be performed, as well as double-checking that all equipment had been sterilized and any potential complications had been discussed. Simple, commonsense stuff that sometimes gets overlooked in the sophisticated realm of modern medicine. (Shutterstock)



▼ **DRIVING WITH NEW SPARK.** GM's Chevy Volt has electrified North America with its plug-in battery-powered motor that can travel up to 65 km on a single charge. For longer distances, a gas engine kicks in to recharge the battery while you drive. No more gas guzzling. (MCT)

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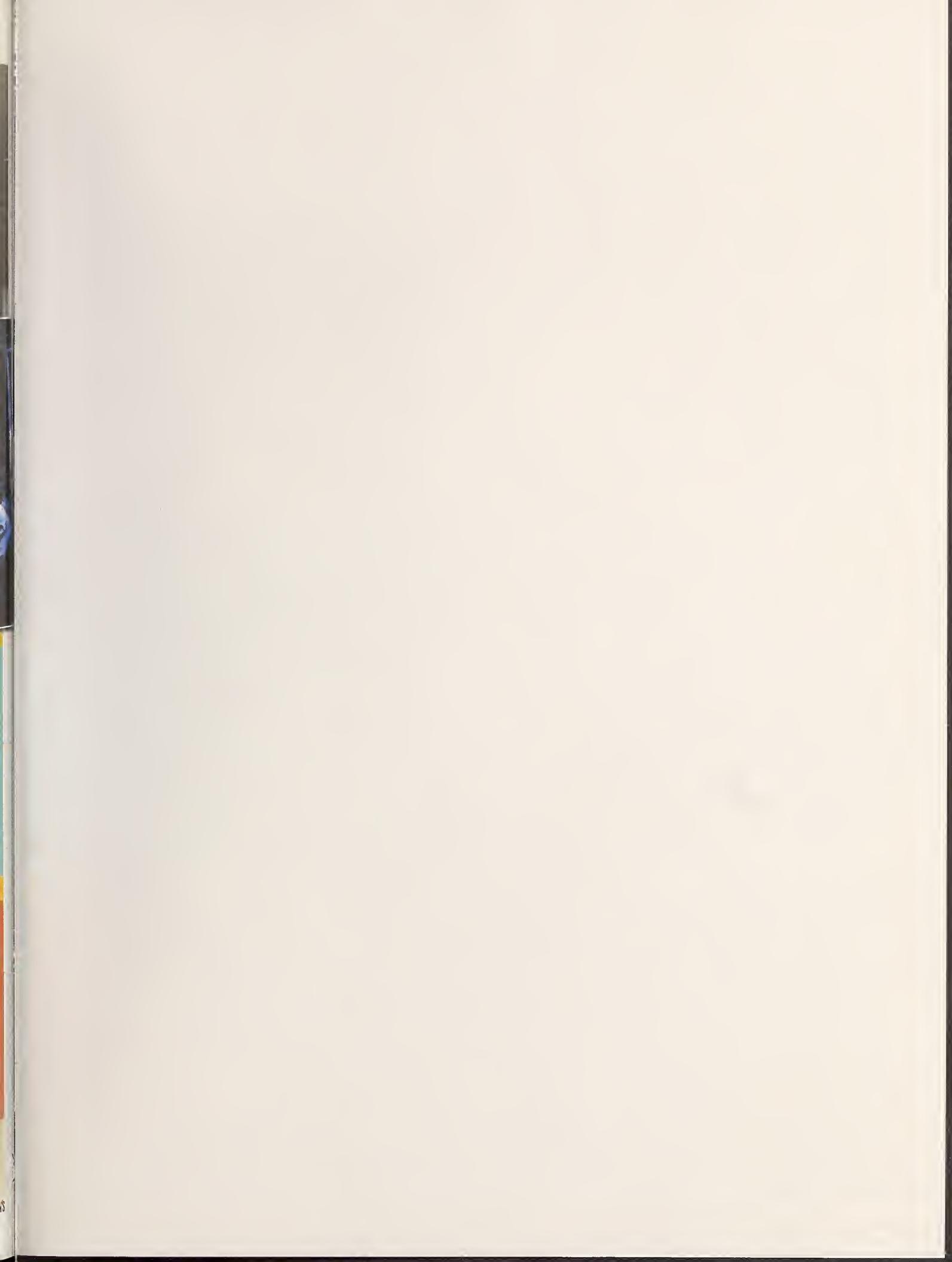
► **DIY SAFETY.** The LightLane is an ingenious idea to make night bike riding safer. Lasers mounted on the rear of the bike project sharp, bright lines onto the pavement behind the cyclist, creating a virtual and movable bike lane, complete with a cycling logo. This gives drivers a boundary and keeps cyclists out of harm's way. Creators Evan Gant and Alex Tee of Boston presented their idea in an online design contest. They are now working on a prototype. (Courtesy Evan Gant, Altitude Inc.)

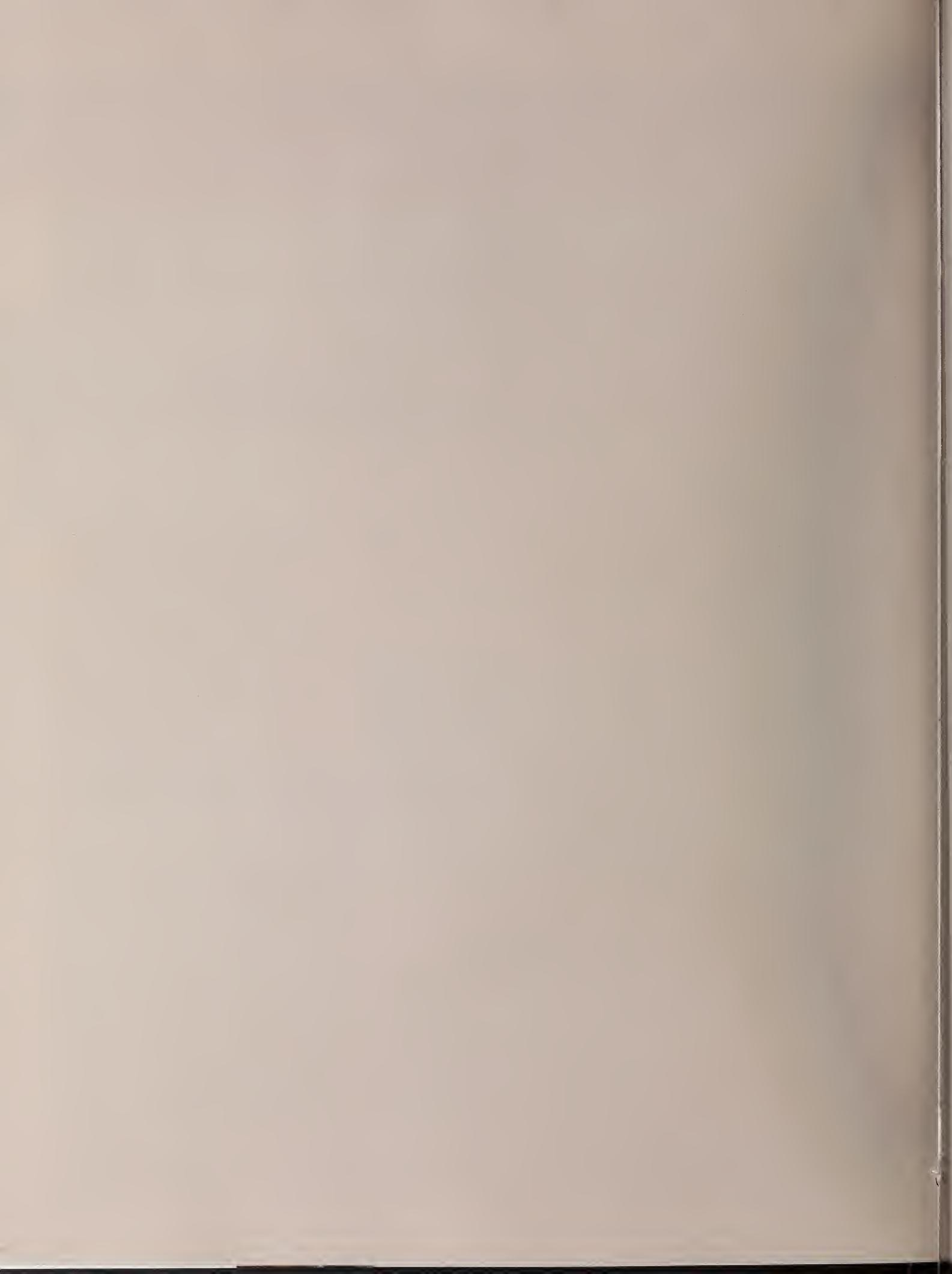


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